



OVERVIEW OF THE TPB AND CAC

TPB Community Advisory Committee

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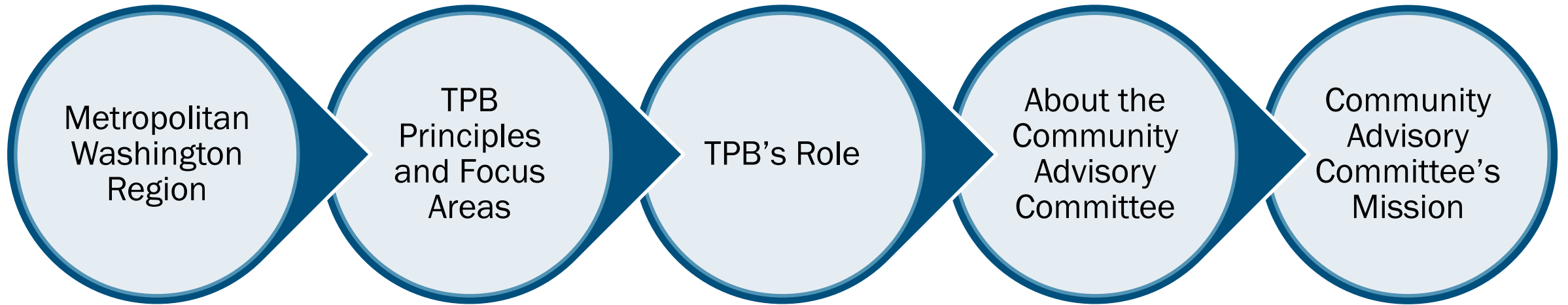
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National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board

Roadmap



Our Region

- Approximately 3,500 square miles in area
- Home to more than 5 million people and 3 million jobs
- 17 million person-trips per day





About TPB

- The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region. The TPB is housed/staffed by COG.
- Plays an important role as the regional forum for transportation planning.
- Prepares plans and programs that the federal government must approve in order for federal-aid transportation funds to flow to metropolitan Washington.

How many local jurisdictions are part of the TPB?



TPB Principles

- **Equity** – affordable, readily available options
- **Accessibility** – physical and affordable ability to travel
- **Sustainability** – energy efficient, protective of the environment, preserving public space and cultural resources
- **Prosperity** – diversified, stable, and competitive regional economy
- **Livability** – resources for vibrant, healthy neighborhoods



TPB Focus Areas

- Safety
- Maintenance
- Reliability
- Affordability & Convenience
- Efficient System Operations
- Environmental Protection
- Resiliency
- Livable & Prosperous Communities

Which of these focus areas has the CAC been involved with over the last two years?



Key Roles of the TPB

Does the TPB build projects?

- Ensures compliance with federal laws and requirements
- Coordinates regional transportation policy and planning
- Provides technical assistance for decision-making
- Supports local planning and initial project development through technical assistance programs



1. Federally Required Planning Process

WHAT DOES THE TPB DO?



Two Key Documents

National Capital Region Transportation Plan

- Must be updated every 4 years
- 20- to 30-year horizon
- Most recent: Visualize 2045

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Updated every 2 years
- 6-year horizon



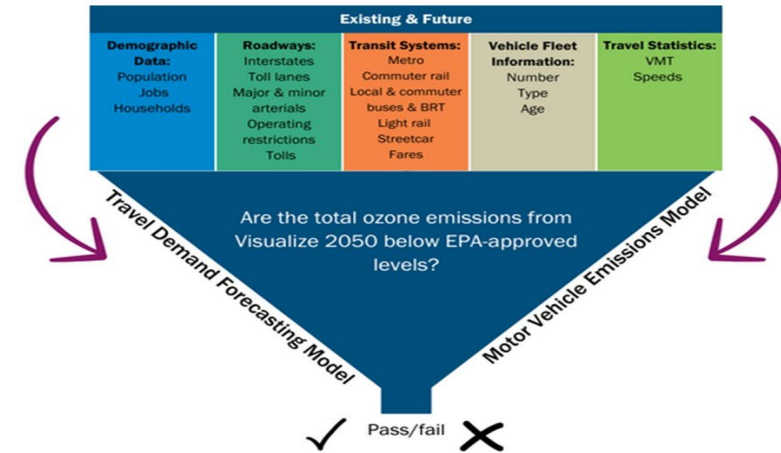
True or false? Is public involvement a requirement in the National Capital Region Transportation Planning process.



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1. Federally required planning process

Financial Constraint: Sufficient funding from existing or anticipated revenue sources must be reasonably expected to be available to build, operate, and maintain the planned transportation system.



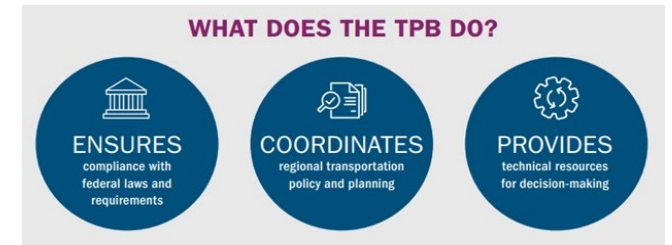
Air Quality Conformity: Future vehicle-related emissions of air pollutants must remain below regional emissions budgets approved by the EPA.



2. Regional Coordination

Regional policy guides the region's transportation investments

- Provide a Range of Transportation Options
- Promote Dynamic Activity Centers
- Ensure System Maintenance, Preservation & Safety
- Maximize Operational Effectiveness & Safety
- Protect the Environment
- Support Interregional & International Travel and Commerce



Chalk heart at Brookland open streets, Washington, DC (Joe Flood/[Flickr](#))



2. Regional Coordination

WHAT DOES THE TPB DO?



A variety of regional programs:

- Commuter Connections
- Street Smart
- Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination (MATOC)
- Transportation/Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program
- Human Services Transportation Programs

Name a transportation project that is more than 100 years old that's still in use today.

BONUS: *What is the time horizon of the National Capital Region Transportation Plan?*



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3. Technical Resources

WHAT DOES THE TPB DO?

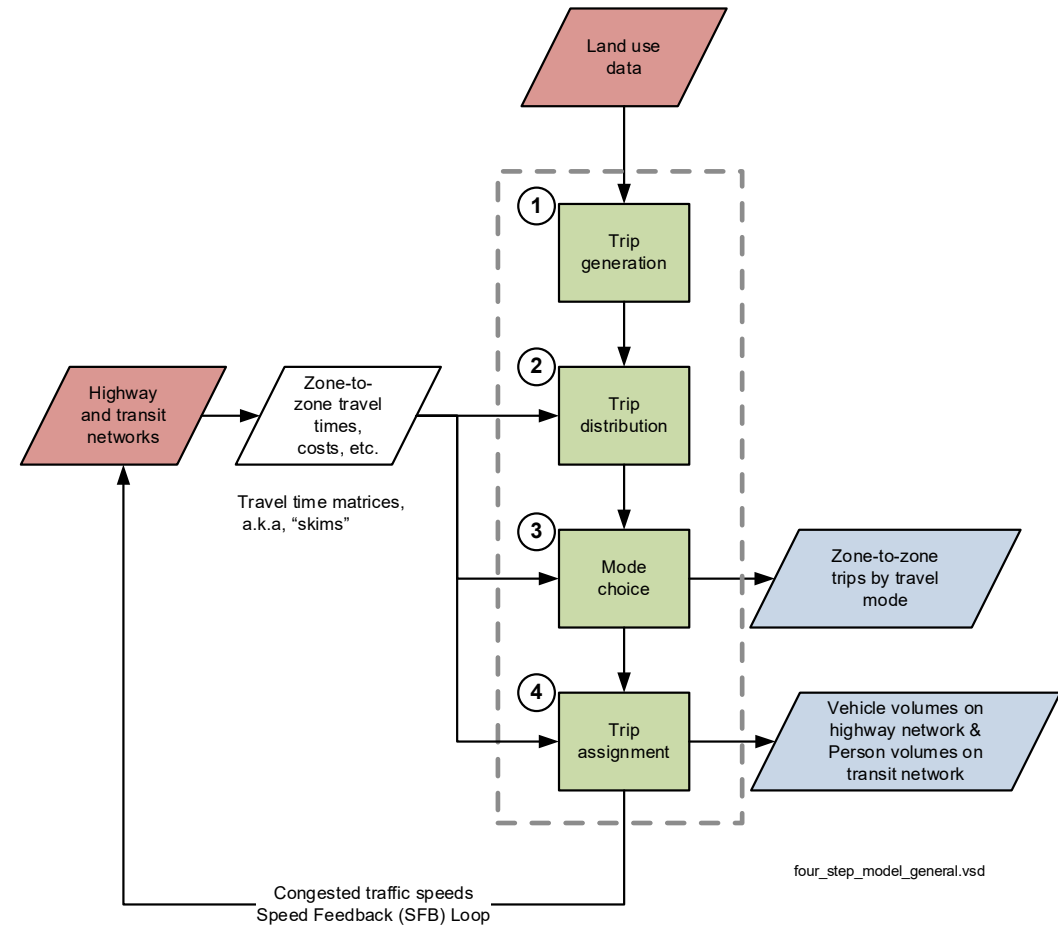


Travel Monitoring

A variety of survey methods are used to measure system performance

Travel Forecasting

Models enable planners to forecast how travel behavior might change.



About the CAC

- 24 members from across the region selected by the Transportation Planning Board to advise the board and TPB staff on regional transportation issues.
- Membership represents broad perspectives
- Leadership-Chair and two Vice Chairs
- At least five members from each state and the District of Columbia



TPB Community Advisory Committee
Spring, 2025



CAC Through the Years

- **1992:** Established as the Citizens Advisory Committee to discuss plans for the Woodrow Wilson bridge
- **1996-1998:** Active in developing the TPB Vision
- **2001-2004:** Called upon the TPB to analyze “what-if” scenarios (Regional Mobility & Accessibility Study) and to conduct public outreach (40+ forums)
- **2006:** Advocated for the Transportation and Land Use Connections (TLC) program
- **2005-2010:** Called upon the TPB to expand the regional planning process beyond the “Constrained Long-Range Plan” to include an aspirational element



CAC Through the Years, Continued

- **2010:** At the urging of the CAC, the TPB hosted a regional forum called “A Conversation on Regional Transportation Priority Setting,” which resulted in agreement to develop a Regional Transportation Priorities Plan (RTPP)
- **2010-2014:** Participated in the development of the RTPP (approved in the 2014)
- **2011:** TPB developed a Regional Complete Streets Policy at the urging of the CAC
- **2015-2018:** Participated in the TPB’s National Capital Region Transportation Plan Task Force, which resulted in the Aspirational Element of the “Visualize 2045” plan
- **2020:** CAC support and advocacy for the TPB Safety Resolution (R3-2021)
- **2024:** CAC participation in DMVMoves
- **Ongoing:** Advice and input on public involvement in development of the National Capital Region Transportation Plan



CAC Mission

Promote public involvement in transportation planning for the region.

Example: Visualize 2050, the National Capital Region Transportation Plan

Advance equitable representation in regional transportation planning.

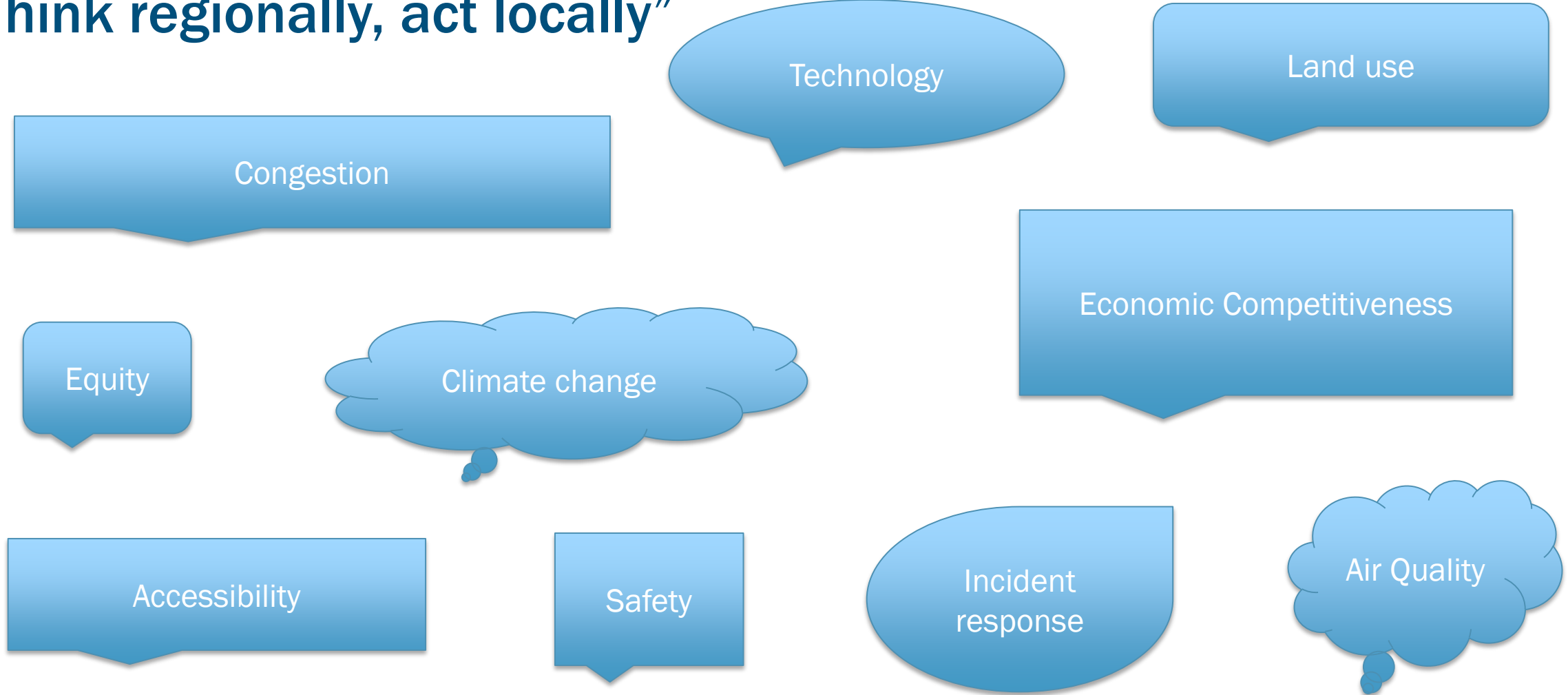
Example: TPB's Public Participation Plan

Provide independent region-oriented community advice to the TPB on transportation plans and issues.

Example: Representation on DMVMoves



"Think regionally, act locally"



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