

TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

January 10, 2025

1. WELCOME, VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES, AND MEMBER ROLL CALL PROTOCOL

Staff described the procedures and protocols for the virtual meeting and conducted a roll call. Meeting participants are documented in the attached attendance list.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING RECAP FROM THE DECEMBER 6, 2024 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

There were no questions or comments regarding the December Technical Committee meeting. The summary was accepted as final.

ITEMS FOR THE BOARD AGENDA

3. FY 2025 AND FY 2026 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET ASIDE PROGRAM FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Referring to the posted material, Mr. John Swanson briefed the committee on the recommendations of a selection panel for funding projects in DC using the TPB's suballocation of the federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP). He said that \$2,951,200 had been provided in the most recent suballocation, which covered FY 2025 and 2026. He provided background on the program and described the process for reviewing and recommending projects for funding. He described the one new project that was recommended for funding, which is the Rehabilitation of the Capital Crescent Trail. He said the panel was recommending that funding be added to three projects that were approved two years ago for the FY 2023-24 cycle of funding. He said the TPB would be asked to approve the recommendations at its January meeting.

There were no questions.

4. TRIP PROJECT LIST APPROVAL AND AMENDING VISUALIZE 2045 TO INCLUDE THE TRIP AND UPDATED LIST

Ms. Katherine Rainone provided an overview of two updates to the Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan (TRIP). Ms. Rainone first provided an overview of the entire TRIP timeline to date, starting with the TRIP and prioritized project list being approved by the TPB Board in June 2024. Then she shared that the TRIP and prioritized project list approved by FHWA division representative met all required elements of a resilience improvement plan as laid out by the PROTECT program in July 2024. FHWA released PROTECT discretionary grant program NOFO November 2024 with due date of February 24, 2025. In November, TPB held the first regional transportation resilience subcommittee meeting where stakeholders were informed TPB would begin the annual process of collecting project submissions for the updated prioritized project list, using the same methodology as in the first round of collection. In December 2024, a form was sent out to resilience stakeholders to submit projects for inclusion in this updated list prior to the PROTECT application deadline, discussions and meetings were had to determine the suitability for submitted projects in the list. As of January 8, five new transportation resilience projects were collected and they are included in this annual update of the prioritized project list.

On January 10, 2025, Ms. Rainone presented this updated list and resolution to the TPB Steering Committee, who recommended approval. This is an eligibility list, not a constrained project list. If a project on the list receives funding and moves forward, it will still need to go through the process of being added to the TIP via an amendment. The updates to the list include four WMATA projects that address water and flooding issues, and one DDOT project that addresses rockslides near a roadway. Additionally, TPB seeks approval of a resolution that not only approves the annual update of the project list, but that amends the current plan of record, Visualize 2045, with the TRIP as an appendix. Staff recommended approval of Resolution R7-2025, which includes the addition of five projects to the approved prioritized project list included in the National Capital Region Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan, and amending Visualize 2045 to formally include the TRIP as an appendix to the current plan of record.

5. REVIEW OF OUTLINE AND PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE FY 2026 UPWP

Ms. Lyn Erickson went through the draft outline and preliminary budget for the Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). She shared the draft memo that includes an itemized set of activities/tasks for the Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026) for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board. She outlined the 11 work activities, which include: Long-Range Transportation Planning, Transportation Improvement Program, Multi-Modal Planning, Public Participation, Travel Forecasting, Mobile Emissions and Climate Change Planning, Transportation Research and Data Programs, Regional Land Use and Transportation Planning Coordination, Complete Streets Mobility and Enhancement Programs, TPB Management and Support, and Technical Assistance Program.

Ms. Lyn Erickson and staff went through each of the work activities specifically highlighting the new activities for FY 2026. She outlined the Long-Range Transportation Planning activities, emphasizing how the new long-range plan, Visualize 2050, will be approved by December 2025. She delved into the importance of approving the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which will be approved at the same time as Visualize 2050.

Mr. Andrew Meese described the main tasks for Multi-Modal Planning and explained that this section used to be called Planning Elements. He went through each task in detail describing how staff coordinate with related state, regional, and local entities, as well as outreach to members, stakeholders, and subject matter experts, to gather information and collaborate to advise future planning and committee activities. Mr. Meese outlined that this year staff will be developing an updated Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

Ms. Lyn Erickson touched on the Public Participation section, outlining how TPB staff interact with the public through committees, events, and visual materials to spread information about regional transportation planning issues.

Mr. Mark Moran outlined how he is responsible for two tasks in the UPWP: Travel Forecasting and Mobile Emissions and Climate Change Planning. He said that Travel Forecasting involves the development, maintenance, and updating of the regional travel demand forecasting model, which is used for all sorts of studies, such as the Air Quality Conformity Analysis, Environmental Justice studies, and many others.

Mr. Tim Canan described the activities in the Transportation Research and Data Programs section, outlining staff tasks of data collecting through surveys, and research to support analysis efforts. The next section, Mr. Canan explained, was the Regional Land Use and Transportation Planning

Coordination section, which coordinates with local, state, and federal planning activities, develops population, household, and employment forecasts that are used as inputs into the TPB travel demand forecasting model, and facilitates the integration of land use and transportation planning in the region.

Ms. Lyn Erickson explained the Complete Streets Mobility and Enhancement Programs as program areas that TPB staff work for members on sets of projects like the Regional Roadway Safety Program, Transportation Land Use Connections Program, and the Enhanced Mobility Grant Program.

Ms. Lyn Erickson described the last section, TPB Management and Support, which is a logistical item that deals with all the administrative arrangements for all of the TPB committees. She also explained the Technical Assistance Program will be in development in the next couple of months. It will provide assistance to state departments of transportation and regional transit agencies, some examples of the projects include VRE-MARC Run-Through Study, support to the District of Columbia Travel monitoring program, etc.

Ms. Lyn Erickson ended by stating that TPB generally has a budget of about \$23 -25 million annually. There were no questions.

6. PBPP: DRAFT 2025 TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT TARGETS

Mr. Pierre Gaunard introduced the item and reviewed the federal requirements for Transit Asset Management (TAM) target setting followed by transit agencies and MPOs. He explained how transit providers are categorized into two tiers based on fleet size or mode of service, but that all of the national capital region's transit agencies are divided into these tiers and ultimately obligated to set TAM targets. After describing the performance metrics for which targets are set, Mr. Gaunard noted stand-out items from a summary of selected agencies' FY25 TAM targets, emphasizing that lower target numbers were ideal because that meant there were less vehicles at or beyond their useful life benchmarks, or infrastructure in a better state of good repair. With respect to the regional TAM targets, he presented the most recently updated draft set of targets, which were still under development pending more information from several providers. Updated targets would be presented to the TPB Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee and TPB later in January, with a second presentation of final targets in February to the Board for their approval.

There were no follow-up questions.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. VISUALIZE 2050 AND FY 2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: UPDATE

Ms. Cristina Finch summarized the status of the zero-based budgeting activities, provided a preview of how the inputs would build off the current transportation system (mapped as of 2023, link provided) and inform the region's 2050 transportation system, and shared an overview of the plan and process document structures and general content. Ms. Finch informed agencies of their role in providing clarifications for non-regionally significant for air quality (NRS) records, reviewing draft Overarching Projects, TPB Project Titles, updating maps in PIT 2.0 for regionally significant projects, and finally inputting financial details for FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) records all by May 9, 2025.

A question from Ms. Christine Hoeffner about when additional TIP projects could be added was responded to by Mr. Andrew Austin that NRS TIP projects could be added through May 9. Ms. Regina Moore commented that VDOT's presentation on the Southside Express Lanes is still being coordinated with VDOT leadership and will touch base with TPB staff before the March TPB agenda is set. Also, public meetings will be held for the Southside Express Lanes project in the spring to be listed on the project website.

8. SAFETY SUMMIT RECOMMENDATIONS WORK TIMELINE

Ms. Janie Nham briefed the Committee on staff's proposed schedule for beginning work on the safety actions stemming from the TPB's Regional Roadway Safety Summit. Following a brief overview of the summit, she discussed each of the actions and shared the staff's initial thoughts for implementing them, as well as the anticipated timeline for implementation. She noted that timeframes could be adjusted based on the availability of resources, changes in priorities, and other considerations, and that actions slated to begin in fiscal year 2026 have been incorporated into the draft Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Planning Work Program budget. She concluded by reviewing the TPB's safety resolution (R3-2021) to provide context for the work on the safety actions.

Chair Weissberg asked if localities should consider the priorities recommended in R3-2021 as they develop their safety plans. Ms. Nham said that they should be considered as they are the most prevalent crash types across the region based on the data. She mentioned that one of the action items will be to inventory the implementation status of various strategies in R3-2021 among jurisdictions. This could create opportunities for revisiting the strategies.

9. TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY INVENTORY SURVEY

Mr. Andrew Burke presented the findings of the 2024 TPB Member Technology Inventory Survey conducted by a team from ICF and Mead & Hunt in coordination with TPB staff. This inventory included a survey of technologies used in transportation activities currently in use or soon to be deployed by TPB member agencies. The member agencies were asked to fill out surveys pertaining to different Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSMO) strategies to create an inventory that can help member agencies learn from the best practices of other members of the TPB, while identifying gaps and potential areas of improvement. Mr. Burke shared highlights from the survey results with the committee.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

2025 TPB/Tech Committee/Steering Committee Meeting Dates:

Ms. Lyn Erickson noted that the meeting dates for the calendar year 2025 are available and have been posted to the meeting page. She noted that in-person and virtual meetings will be set soon.

2025-2026 Community Advisory Committee Recruitment Update:

Ms. Laura Bachle shared that there is a recommended cohort which was presented to TPB leadership and is being deliberated. Approval of the 2025-2026 appointments to CAC will be presented to the Transportation Planning Board by January 22, 2025.

TLC/RRSP solicitation January 6:

Mr. John Swanson noted that the TLC/RRSP solicitation will open on January 6 and close on March 7. Abstracts are due by January 22 for preliminary review. Please reach out to John or Janie Nham for any questions. Project approvals will be determined by April or May and those projects will get started in the Fall. He noted that members can contact a new staffer named Vicki Caudullo, who will be taking over the TLC and RRSP programs.

Auto Show EV Forum Announcement:

Mr. Kanti Srikanth invited members to the Auto Show to discuss reducing emissions through electric vehicles. He added that the forum will convene the region's experts and practitioners across the public and private sectors to discuss the role electric vehicles play in achieving the region's climate goals. Attendees will have free access to the sneak preview of the Washington Auto Show's floor.

Membership Survey:

Ms. Lyn Erickson introduced Amanda Lau, who will be taking over the logistics and coordination for the committee meetings. Ms. Erickson noted how she would like to revamp the meetings to connect better what is happening in the other committees that report to the Technical Committee. She mentioned that Amanda will be working on a membership survey to ensure TPB has a strong feedback loop to ensure effective communication and collaboration.

Staff Update, including Retirement Announcements:

Mr. Kanti Srikanth thanked Andrew Meese and Jane Posey for their service to the Transportation Planning Board.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT	
Rebecca Schwartzman – DCOP - V Mark Rawlings – DDOT – I Matt Frumin – DC – I Emilie Wolfson – Alexandria - V Rob Donaldson – Loudoun County – V Mark Phillips – WMATA – V Maria Sinner- VDOT - V Regina Moore – VDOT - V Sree Nampoothiri – NVTA – V Mark Mishler- Frederick County- V Rebecca Schwartzman – NVTA – V Thomas Montenegro – FTA – V Heather Edelman – DC- V	Corey Pitts – MCDOT - V Anne McGrane – NVTC – V Amy Garbarini – VDRPT – V Chloe Delhomme – City of Manassas- V Megan Landis – Prince William Co. – V David Edmondson – City of Frederick - V Douglas Smith - Gaithersburg – V Victor Weissberg – Prince George’s County - V Kari Snyder – MDOT – V David Rogers – MDOT - V Chris Bratton – DDOT – V Nick Ruiz – VRE- V Christine Hoeffner – VRE – I
OTHERS / MWCOG STAFF PRESENT	
Kanti Srikanth - I Lyn Erickson - V Tim Canan - I Sergio Ritacco - V Andrew Austin – I Cristina Finch - V Laura Bachle –I Charlene Howard – V Eric Randall – I Michael Farrell - I Rob d’Abadie – I Mark Moran – I Andrew Burkner – I	Janie Nham - I Leo Pineda - I Rachel Beyerle - V John Swanson - I Jamie Bufkin- V Jane Posey – I Katherine Rainone - I Andrew Messe - I Dusan Vuksan – I Victoria Caudullo – V Amanda Lau – I Pierre Gaunard – I Bill Bacon – I