
TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

December 5, 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 NOVEMBER 7, 2025 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. APPROVAL OF VISUALIZE 2050, THE FY 2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP), THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS DETERMINATION, AND MPO SELF CERTIFICATION

Ms. Laura Bachle summarized the outcomes of the public comment period on the draft Visualize 2050 plan, the FY 2026-2029 TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis Report. Ms. Bachle reviewed how staff advertised the comment period, how many people visited the visualize2050.org website, key takeaways from the comments received, and the overall categories of comment types. Ms. Cristina Finch continued the presentation by explaining how the draft documents have changed because of the comments received. She then reviewed the three resolutions that TPB will act on at their December 17 meeting.

Chair Weissberg acknowledged the development of Visualize 2050 has been very lengthy, in depth, and thorough process. Director Srikanth provided reflections on the process, public comments, and plan takeaways looking to the future.

4. 2026 ENHANCED MOBILITY GRANT PROGRAM APPROVAL

Ms. Cherice Sansbury, the Program Manager of the TPB's Enhanced Mobility program, presented on the grant selection and approval process of the program's most recent solicitation. Federal grant funding is awarded from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) through COG (as the recipient) to applicable projects COG and the TPB find deserving of these federal dollars. Projects awarded in past rounds have included the acquisition of wheelchair accessible vans and buses, volunteer driver programs, travel training, mobility management, and sidewalk/bus stop construction. Projects are awarded based on their responsiveness to mobility improvement strategies identified in the TPB's Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan.

The 2025 grant solicitation began in June 2025 and is now in the final stages. The selection committee comprised of agency officials and representatives from DC, MD and VA met on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 to discuss the applications submitted and reviewed over the last couple of months. The committee was able to agree on a number of projects to be awarded as well as work toward scaling down a few to ensure that we were able to meet the limit of funds available. The

committee is still in the process of defining those numbers and will have them ready to present to the TPB on December 17, 2025.

5. PBPP: DRAFT REGIONAL TARGETS FOR HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT SAFETY

Ms. Janie Nham briefed the Committee on TPB staff's recommendations for the 2022-2026 safety targets for the Committee's consideration. She noted that the draft highway safety targets were presented to the TPB at its November 19 meeting and while no comments were received on the targets themselves, the Board inquired about the status of various studies being pursued by TPB staff. In response, Ms. Nham provided an overview of the status of the studies as part of her presentation before presenting the draft final highway safety targets to the Technical Committee for review and comment. For the period 2022-2026, staff recommended that the targets for the number of fatalities, the fatality rate, and serious injury rate be kept at the same level as last year (capped at last year's levels), while the target for the number of serious injuries and the number of nonmotorist fatalities and serious injuries be set at a more aggressive level.

Mr. Corey Pitts asked about one of the studies, the study to inventory jurisdictional safety activities around the region. He noted that one of the goals of the study was to understand the effectiveness of various strategies and asked if the information could be used to inform capital investments. Ms. Nham replied that that was the idea, to help jurisdictions understand the strategies that would provide the greatest return on investment.

6. UPDATE ON DMVMOVES WORK ACTIVITIES

Mr. Tom Harrington, TPB Staff, briefed the committee on the DMVMoves regional transit initiative which reached a major milestone on November 17, 2025, when the final plan and recommendations were completed and endorsed jointly by the COG and WMATA Boards. The first part of the presentation provided a brief summary of the DMVMoves Plan. Four key components of the plan include: (1) a WMATA funding plan – reinvesting and modernizing Metro's rail and bus systems, with a recommendation to add \$460 million annually in new capital funding, growing at 3% per year; (2) Identification of local funding needs to meet service guidelines; (3) a partnership between Metro and state and local transportation agencies to implement bus priority in 7 corridors; and (4) an Action Plan for Regional Integration of Transit Services to create more seamless customer experience and improve the cost-efficiency of the region's transit system.

The second part of the presentation reviewed the upcoming implementation activities, focused on TPB's role in implementing the plan. Staff are drafting a resolution for TPB adoption in January to endorse the DMVMoves Plan, to accept the request urged upon it to act as the lead coordinator for implementation of the Plan, and to direct staff to develop a work plan for carrying out DMVMoves implementation. In 2026, activities for TPB Staff include developing an annual progress report to TPB and working with the region's transit operators to move forward on implementation of the Regional Integration Action Plan. TPB is also supporting the legislative activities needed to secure the new funding, including upcoming briefings to county and city boards and councils to endorse the plan.

Chair Weissberg noted the importance of TPB's role in ensuring that implementation is conducted with full regional input and coordination. Corey Pitts from Montgomery County asked what is meant for the TPB to endorse the plan. Director Srikanth confirmed that it will be similar to the action that the COG Board took in endorsing the plan's recommendations and he noted that the TPB should do the same since it is being asked to play an important role in facilitating the implementation of the plan. He noted that endorsement of the high-level recommendations does not mean that there are

not additional coordination activities needed to specify the actions within the detailed work plan on the regional integration activities. Kari Snyder asked if the TPB resolution will have similar language to the COG Board resolution. Director Srikanth said that the TPB resolution will be shorter and more focused on endorsement of the plan and TPB's role in implementation.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7. TRIP CALL FOR PROJECTS

TPB Transportation Resilience Planner Ms. Katherine Rainone provided an overview of the Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan (TRIP) annual call for projects to the Prioritized Project List. Ms. Rainone began with a reminder on the TRIP and project list, what the process has been in the past for collecting projects and laid out the schedule for collecting project submissions currently. The submission window is open from now through the end of January 2026, with the potential for an extension through mid-February if some people need more time. There is a project submission form as well as a project submission guidance document that were shared via link.

Mr. Nick Ruiz from VRE asked to confirm that if a project is already in the plan there was no need to resubmit, and that was confirmed. If a project was submitted into the plan in the past two cycles, there is no need to resubmit the project for inclusion. Dan Malouff from Arlington asked if the project submission information would be sent out via email, and it was confirmed that yes, the project request would be sent via email.

8. LONG BRIDGE CLOSURES

Ms. Shirlene Cleveland briefed the committee on the Long Bridge Project. It is a major regional rail improvement initiative between Arlington, VA, and Washington, DC intended to expand and modernize the existing rail crossing over the Potomac River. She said that the existing Long Bridge, a century-old two-track rail span, currently operates at near-capacity with freight, Amtrak, and commuter trains, creating a bottleneck for the busy Northeast/South rail corridor. The project will construct a new two-track rail bridge adjacent to the existing span and additional bridges along the 1.8-mile corridor, add four total tracks across key segments, and build separate bicycle and pedestrian bridges to enhance connectivity between Long Bridge Park and East/West Potomac Parks. She explained that this expansion is designed to improve reliability, increase passenger and freight rail service frequency, and support broader regional transportation goals, with construction expected to begin in the mid-2020s and substantial completion by around 2030.

Mr. Dan Koenig asked if VPRC pursued any exceptions to the noise and vibration criteria for the city to perhaps minimize, obviously your construction window is long, was that explored. Ms. Cleveland said that actually they have that request for an exemption with them right now. She said that the concern is if the residents will start to complain, which you know they will, this work is very impactful, so they can revoke that any time. She said that it might be more feasible for locations further away from the sensitive noise receptors, but the reality is that they're right there next to that main avenue rail bridge and it's inevitable that it is going to be impactful. She said that they will use those work windows as fast as possible because they don't want to be disrupting rail traffic.

Mr. David Edmondson asked if there are going to be some public lessons learned regarding costs and if that is something you're going to be able to share with the public, especially given this window that impact the scheduling and cost of the Long Bridge Project. Ms. Cleveland said that yes, there will be many lessons learned and will be collecting that data and sharing it. Ms. Christine Hoeffner chimed in on the last question saying that this is a very dynamic project where there is ongoing

coordination. She said that from VRE's perspective in the construction and work window planning there will be an ongoing lessons learned assessment and adjustment process. Mr. Edmondson added that his reason for asking the question was to have a forensic analysis of what drove the costs to be what they are and will help inform the policy folks.

Mr. Kanti Srikanth asked a question about if VPRA is coordinating with Commuter Connections to ensure smooth transition with commuters. She said they have reached out to them. He also asked if there is going to be a plan to identify the specific trains on the Manassas routes that will terminate and begin in Alexandria. Ms. Hoeffner responded by saying that they will have more language on their website that will answer that question and coordinate with Commuter Connections.

9. VDOT STATE TRAILS RESOURCE HUB

Mr. Ross Tepe and Ms. Cassi Patterson presented on the VDOT State Trails Resource Hub. It is an online platform created by the Virginia Department of Transportation's State Trails Office to centralize information, data, and tools that support trail planning and development across Virginia. They explained how it provides interactive mapping tools that display existing and planned trail facilities, such as shared-use paths, rail-to-trail corridors, singletrack, and state park trails, along with standardized data on trail names, surfaces, widths, uses, ownership, maintenance, and opening dates. Mr. Tepe said that the hub includes an inventory of more than 1,500 miles of multiuse trails and aggregates resources from state and federal agencies and national trail organizations to guide consistent, informed planning. Developed in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation and shaped by the State Trails Advisory Committee, the hub was established through a 2022 General Assembly budget amendment and formally launched in early 2023.

There were no follow up questions.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Lyn Erickson provided a briefing on other business. She shared that there was a good number of subcommittees that met, and members can feel free to read the subcommittee report that is on the event page. She said that the COG Office Renovations are underway, and she advised members to review what rooms and buildings Technical Committee will be meeting in 2026. She said that the Transportation Planning Board Meetings will not be at COG, instead they will be at the NACO offices. The 2026 meeting calendar is on the event page. She said the January Technical Committee will be on January 9, 2026.

Ms. Erickson said that the Transportation Land Use Connections Program and Regional Roadway Safety Program project solicitation will run from January 2, 2026 to February 27, 2026. Ms. Erickson also said that Katherine Rainone and Pierre Guanaud will be presenting at the annual TRB meeting. She continued by saying that the Final Comprehensive Climate Action Plan will be posted on the COG website shortly after it is submitted to EPA by the December 1 deadline. Mr. Mark Moran presented a new teammate Mr. Kaelem Mohabir.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT	
Amy Garbarini – DRPT Brent Riddle – Fairfax County Carson Lucarelli – City of Alexandria Starla Couso – NVTA David Edmondson – City of Frederick Daniel Koenig – FTA Leo Pineda – VDOT Mark Rawlings – District of Columbia Nick Ruiz – VRE Victor Weissberg – Prince George’s County Chloe Delhomme – City of Manassas Corey Pitts – Montgomery County	Douglas Smith – City of Gaithersburg Christine Hoeffner – VRE Kari Snyder – MDOT Markus Tarjamo – Charles County Meagan Landis – Prince William County Rahul Trivedi – VDOT Regina Moore – VDOT Shannon Bacon – NVTC Christine Hoeffner – VRE Evandro Santos – Prince William County Shannon Bacon – NVTC W. Jacarl Melton – Fairfax County
OTHERS / MWCOG STAFF PRESENT	
Lyn Erickson Kanti Srikanth Andrew Austin Sergio Ritacco Sara Brown Tim Canan Laura Bachle Rachel Beyerle Tom Harrington Katherine Rainone Marc Moser Daniel Sheehan Greg Goodwin Charlene Howard Dusan Vuksan Erin Morrow Kaelem Mohabir	Mark Moran Janie Nham Cherice Sansbury Cristina Finch Jamie Bufkin Robert d’Abadie Eric Randall Feng Xie Ian Newman Pierre Gaunard Cherice Sansbury Michael Farrell Amanda Lau Victoria Caudullo Cassi Patterson - VDOT Ross Tepe - VDOT Shirlene Cleveland – VDOT