

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORT TO THE TPB

November 19, 2025
Daniel Papiernik, CAC Chair

The November meeting of the CAC was held in-person and virtually on Thursday, November 13. The meeting was held in conjunction with the public forum on the FY 2026-2029 TIP which took up the first hour and a half of the CAC meeting. The CAC members spent some time debriefing on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Forum and received a briefing from TPB staff on the contents of the Visualize 2050 draft planning documents.

Visualize 2050, FY 2026-2029 TIP, and Air Quality Conformity Analysis Report

Cristina Finch, TPB Staff, provided an overview of the materials open for public comment, walking the members through the Visualize 2050 plan document by chapter, the FY 2026-2029 TIP, the Air Quality Conformity Analysis Report, and how the public can submit comments.

Questions and comments included the following:

Regarding the number of car-poolers, 40 percent seems high. How is that calculated?

The figure takes into account all shared rides, so anything beyond one person in a car is included in the calculation. Regionally, the average is around 1.7 per car overall. The national average is around 1.1.

Six-hundred lanes miles seems like a lot of roadway, how does that advance the TPB's goals? Related to this, why are there zero rail miles in the plan after the Purple Line is built?

The number of additional lane miles planned needs to be taken into context for the entire planning area. There are 17,000 lane miles of roadway today and the plan adds 600 miles (staff update – this “600” number is incorrect, the actual number is 530, but this was not identified during the meeting). These lane miles support fifteen million trips daily. The total number of lane miles that are traveled in the region is 120 million, which includes bus trips. Of the daily trips, seven percent (7%) are on transit. Of the three-hundred billion dollars projected to be spent on transportation by 2050, more than sixty percent (60%) is going to transit projects. Transit, which is projected to get 60 percent or more of the regional transportation budget, supports 7 percent of daily trips. This should be viewed within a land use context, the prevailing travel patterns, mode share and growth in the region. Also Visualize 2050 does not include every project and program, or all the funds being invested by all the TPB members. It does however include all projects using federal funds.

The state of good repair is also not captured in this plan, correct? That dollar figure might be in the trillions over the span of 25 years.

The Visualize 2050 plan does include estimates of state of good repair.

Does the Air Quality Conformity Analysis take into account pollution from tires?

Particulate emissions from tires and brake pads are part of the calculations in the EPA motor vehicle emissions simulator (MOVES) model. The TPB projects that the region will attain the standard for the National Ambient Air Quality (NAAQS) for this pollutant.

ATTENDANCE

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