
TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

April 7, 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 MARCH 7, 2025 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

ITEMS FOR THE BOARD AGENDA

3. BIKE TO WORK DAY PROCLAMATION

Mr. Dan Sheehan provided brief remarks on regional Bike to Work Day event, a multi-site event that celebrates all-things biking, with a focus on encouraging biking as a viable form of commuting. He said that the event is co-organized by TPB's Commuter Connections program, and the Washington Area Bicyclists Association (WABA). The event comprises of over 100 pit stop locations throughout the region where cyclists can stop on their way to or from work to pickup a free t-shirt, bike literature, refreshments, enter raffle prizes, and enjoy camaraderie with other cyclists. Pit stops serve as an excellent opportunity for first time bike commuters to get acquainted with cycling to work.

Mr. Sheehan explained that the event will be held on Thursday, May 15. Commuter Connections has a regional marketing campaign planned to promote the event with a special emphasis on the date change, as the event has historically been held on the third Friday of Bike Month (May). He said that the TPB will be asked at their April meeting to proclaim Thursday, May 15, 2025 as Bike to Work Day throughout the entire National Capital Region. This proclamation supports regional cohesion around one single event date, generates media awareness for news stories, and inspires all TPB member-jurisdictions to hold similar proclamations.

There were no follow-up questions for Mr. Sheehan.

4. REGIONAL BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING UPDATE

Mr. Farrell briefed the subcommittee on the proposed FY 2026 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning activities and major products, which included an update of the National Capital Trail Network map and progress report, as well as an update on the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for June of 2026.

Mr. Weissberg said that it was exciting to see this program and the robust network of facilities that have emerged.

Mr. Srikanth added that as the Board reviews the plan and TIP over the coming months, we may be hearing comments from some members on the pace at which the National Capital Trail Network is being built.

5. DMVMOVES UPDATE

Mr. Eric Randall, TPB Staff, and Mr. Mark Phillips, WMATA, gave an update on the progress of the DMVMoves regional transit initiative. Mr. Randall noted that this item on the TPB agenda would be an update to the board based on the recent DMVMoves Task Force meeting. However, today's briefing is focused on the six working groups that are working on details of regional integration. Mr. Randall then quickly reviewed the history and purpose of the DMVMoves initiative.

Mr. Randall provided an overview of the six working groups and the action they are studying was provided. Four are focused on the customer: fares, service guidelines and performance reporting, wayfinding and amenities, and bus priority. Two are focused on the administration of transit, one on sharing resources and assets, including procurement, and one on training and certification. Mr. Randall spoke to details on three of the working groups and Mark spoke to the other three, reviewing the key elements, benefits and challenges, and the potential schedule for implementation of the recommendations being developed.

There were no questions from the audience. Mr. Kanti Srikanth then closed by reviewing the content that would be presented to the TPB at its meeting. Board members will be reminded of the scope of the initiative, which is also examining funding options for the region's transit systems.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. VISUALIZE 2050 AND TIP STATUS REPORT

Ms. Sara Brown and Mr. Andrew Austin provided an update on Visualize 2050 and TIP Status Report. Ms. Brown started by reviewing the zero-based budgeting activity steps and noted agency progress towards each step. She mentioned that TPB subject matter experts have reviewed DC remaining PIT fields and are currently working on Virginia's. She noted that she would be reaching out to any agency who might need to clarify some of the remaining PIT fields.

Mr. Austin provided a summary of the TIP Financial Details step for the ZBB process. He mentioned that TPB staff hosted two informational sessions as well as hosted two Q&A sessions for any questions regarding this step. He noted that they will be reaching out to agencies who are ready for the financial details step to get them started. They stated that the due date for the completion of all the ZBB activities is May 9, 2025.

7. REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTERS UPDATE

Mr. Timothy Canan and Mr. Greg Goodwin briefed the committee on the work of the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC) and COG Staff related to the Round 10.0 update to the Regional Activity Centers Map.

Mr. Canan began the briefing by setting the metropolitan transportation planning context for the Regional Activity Centers. He described how the concept of Regional Activity Centers in this region was first identified in TPB's Vision Plan and has been reinforced in TPB's planning process. Regional Activity Centers are an important tool to examine the nexus between regional land use and transportation planning and they help the region make progress on TPB's aspiration of bringing jobs and housing closer together. In addition, TPB uses Regional Activity Centers in various programs, including using them as selection criteria for TPB technical assistance grant programs; asking

transportation agencies to identify whether projects proposed for inclusion in the region's metropolitan transportation plan are located in/near Regional Activity Centers; and they are used to support technical analyses of travel and growth trends in the region.

Mr. Goodwin provided an overview and defined Regional Activity Centers as different types of places to accommodate future growth in the Washington Region. Mr. Goodwin mentioned the relationship between the current work of Regional Activity Centers and the 1998 Transportation Planning Board's Vision that called for better coordination of transportation and land use planning. Regional Activity Centers were first selected in 1999 and has been updated three times. The process included updating the Regional Activity Centers following the completion of a major round of the COG Cooperative Forecasts. Mr. Goodwin highlighted the work of the PDTAC by briefing describing the committee timeline during 2024 and the first part of 2025. Mr. Goodwin explained both the Core Attributes and Secondary Attributes required for Regional Activity Centers. Based on the Round 10.0 Cooperative Forecast and the locally defined Comprehensive Plans and Small Area Plans, 145 Regional Activity Centers were identified by COG Staff. A preliminary analysis of differences between the Round 8.0 and Round 10.0 was also shown at the end of the presentation. Presentations to the COG Board of Directors and the Transportation Planning Board are planned for May.

There were no follow-up questions.

8. ACCESS FOR ALL (AFA) ADVISORY COMMITTEE REFRESH

Ms. Laura Bachle provided a summary of the Access for All Advisory Committee refresh. She said that the Access for All Advisory Committee was established to ensure TPB's plans and programs comply with federal statutes, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. She said that the recruitment effort is for members and ex-officio members. Ex officio members include TPB Tech members. We need the AFA to fulfill our statutory requirements. The mission of the AFA has stayed the same as well as the objectives, especially input on enhance mobility planning. There are five groups we are trying to recruit: low-income, traditionally underserved, LEP, people with disabilities and older adults. We meet quarterly and there is always a virtual option. We have received 34 applications to date with good geographical coverage. Current gaps include ex-officio representation from Maryland and LEP groups. We will hold recruitment open until April 14.

Ms. Bachle affirmed that after recruitment, TPB staff will evaluate the applications based on eligibility criteria and provide the updated roster to TPB in a future director's report. We'd like to have the refreshed committee ready to meet in time to provide input into the Visualize 2050 planning process and the next phase of Enhanced Mobility grants (late Spring/early Summer).

There were no follow-up questions.

9. UPWP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – OVERVIEW & COORDINATION

Mr. Canan provided an overview of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Technical Assistance Program. He explained that a small percentage of the UPWP is set aside to provide state and local governments and transit operators with specialized technical assistance/support that advance metropolitan planning and coordination in these areas. Projects vary from pre-planning studies to travel modeling to data collection across the region. In general, technical assistance project fall into four broad categories: (1) assisting state and local agencies in preplanning analyses; (2) internal

data gathering; (3) studies that can help inform larger regional interests; and (4) augmenting funding availability for TPB local technical assistance program such as the Regional Roadway Safety Program (RRSP), the Transportation and Land Use Connections Program (TLC); and the Transit Within Reach Program (TWR). Mr. Canan identified the primary points of contact for each state and encouraged anyone who may have an idea for or question about the UPWP Technical Assistance Program to reach out to their point of contact or to contact TPB staff involved in administering the program.

Ms. Kari Snyder inquired about the remaining technical assistance funds, specifically Maryland's allocation. She mentioned that the manager had raised the idea of identifying strategies to enhance TDM activities in the Washington and Baltimore regions. While reviewing congestion corridor analyses, she wondered if there might be an opportunity to explore options beyond the TPB's existing resources to collaborate with BRTB on a joint analysis or complementary analyses for both MPOs. She also asked whether there had ever been a collaboration between Baltimore MPO and TPB on technical assistance efforts. Mr. Canan said that he doesn't know of a past example, but it doesn't mean that it cannot be done. He said he would be happy to have the conversation to determine which portion of a study might be eligible for technical assistance. Ms. Snyder said she will be in touch with Mr. Canan.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Vicki Caudullo shared the upcoming solicitation period for Maryland and Virginia Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program. Maryland TAP application period is open from April 1 – April 30 and Virginia TAP pre-application period is April 1 – May 30.

Mr. Kanti Srikanth provided a brief update on recent federal actions. He stated that the FTA and FHWA have TPB's Unified Planning Work Program for FY 2026. He discussed reauthorization timing as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act expires by October 1, 2026. He shared the timeline for the reauthorization and that this time the Congressional House and Senate will open a portal from March 31 to April 30 for comments and inputs. There is an opportunity for the TPB to make inputs. He said the legislation will be drafted by early summer 2025 and in early fall of 2025 bill will be released for markups by the House and Senate. By Winter 2026 there will be debate and discussion on the floor. Mr. Srikanth said that he has shared the 2015 Reauthorization Principles with all members via the TPB event page. He said this is very meaningful for the TPB to be tracking and monitoring.

Ms. Amanda Lau shared a brief recap of the five subcommittees that met in March to address key priorities and new updates to activities. She said that it was a month packed with progress and collaboration from working on the COG/TPB Gen 3 Travel Demand Forecasting Model to learning more about regional bike-friendly projects and trails throughout the region. The subcommittees delved into lots of different material that builds on TPB's transportation planning work.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT	
Amy Garbarini – DRPT – V Ann McGrane – NVTC – V Brittany Sumpter – VRE – V Chloe Delhomme – City of Manassas – V Corey Pitts – MCDOT – V Christine Hoeffner – VRE – V Cynthia Johnson – PRTC – V Dan Koenig – FTA – V Dan Malouff – Arlington County – V David Rodgers – MDOT – V David Schilling – FTA – V Douglas Smith – City of Gaithersburg – V Emilie Wolfson – City of Alexandria – V Heather Edelman – DC – V James Walkinshaw – Fairfax County – V Kari Snyder – MDOT – V	Markus Tarjamo – Charles County – V Meagan Landis – Prince William County – V Matt Frumin – DC – V Naomi Cohen-Shields – DDOT – V Neil Harris – City of Gaithersburg – V Nick Ruiz – VRE – V Victor Weissberg – Prince George’s County – V Regina Moore – VDOT – V Rob Donaldson – Loudoun County – V Sara Allred – Fairfax County – V Shannon Bacon – NVTC – V Sree Nampoothiri – NVTA – V Mark Phillips – WMATA – V Maria Sinner – VDOT – V
OTHERS / MWCOG STAFF PRESENT	
Amanda Lau – I Lyn Erickson – I Kanti Srikanth – I Andrew Austin – I Sergio Ritacco – I Sara Brown – I Vicki Caudullo – I Tim Canan – I Greg Goodwin – I Dan Sheehan – I Mike Farrell – I Laura Bachle – I Rachel Beyerle – I Eric Randall – V Pierre Gaunaud – I	Mar Moran – V Janie Nham – I Charlene Howard – V Cristina Finch – V Dusan Vuksan – V Ian Newman – V Jamie Bufkin – V Katherine Rainone – V Sunil Kumar – V Trisha Kondabala – Matt Frumin Staff Bill Orleans – Public