



National Capital Region  
**Transportation Planning Board**

**Transportation Planning Board Acronym Glossary**

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Acronym	Term	Learn More
AFA	<a href="#">Access for All Advisory Committee</a>	AFA advises the TPB on transportation issues, programs, policies, and services important to traditional underserved communities.
CAC	<a href="#">Community Advisory Committee</a>	CAC advises the TPB on long-range transportation policies, representing diverse viewpoints.
CAV	Connected and Automated Vehicles	CAVs are vehicles that use connected and/or automated technology systems. Connected vehicles use wireless technology to communicate with each other or infrastructure. Automated vehicles use technology to automate aspects of operation that otherwise are done by a human driver.
CEEPCC	<a href="#">Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee</a>	CEEPCC is a committee through the COG that serves as a policy adviser on climate change, green building, alternative fuels, solid waste, recycling policy issues, and managing the implementation of the <i>National Capital Region Climate Change Report</i>
CLRP	Constrained long range plan	The constrained element of the long-range transportation plan (LRTP) is a set of projects that must be capable of being completed using revenue sources that are already committed, available, or reasonably expected to be available in the future.
COG	<a href="#">Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments</a>	COG is an independent, nonprofit association with member of 300 elected officials, the MD and VA state legislatures, and U.S. Congress. COG employees staff the TPB.
DDOT	<a href="#">District Department of Transportation</a>	DDOT acts as the state department of transportation for DC.
<a href="#">DMVMoves</a>	A task force of officials appointed by COG and WMATA.	A joint initiative by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to develop a unified vision and sustainable funding model for public transit in our region.
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement	EIS is a study required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) before certain types of major transportation projects may proceed.
EJ	<a href="#">Environmental Justice</a>	Environmental justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or

		income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies
EV	Electric Vehicles	COG identifies <a href="#">electric vehicle deployment</a> as a top priority to combat climate changes
FHWA	<a href="#">Federal Highway Administration</a>	FWHA is a federal agency within the USDOT that is responsible for highway issues, including federal laws and regulations related to metropolitan transportation planning.
FTA	<a href="#">Federal Transit Administration</a>	FTA is a federal agency within the USDOT that is responsible for public transit issues, including federal laws and regulations related to metropolitan transportation planning.
IIJA	<a href="#">Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act or Bipartisan Infrastructure and Jobs Act</a>	Passed in 2021, the IIJA is a law that invests in various infrastructure programs. Some transportation-related priorities include: better roads and bridges, upgrade airports and ports, investment in passenger rail, network of electric vehicle chargers, and resilient infrastructure.
L RTP	Long range transportation plan (interchangeable with <a href="#">Visualize 2050</a> )	The long-range transportation plan, also known as, Visualize 2050 is the title of the 2024 update of long range transportation plan for metropolitan Washington. The previous update was titled Visualize 2045.
MDOT	<a href="#">Maryland Department of Transportation</a>	Maryland's state DOT encompasses all of the state-level transportation agencies, including the MTA and MSHA.
MSHA	<a href="#">Maryland State Highway Administration</a>	MSHA is the highway division of MDOT. They are responsible for planning, designing, building, and maintaining Maryland's interstate and state roads.
MTA	<a href="#">Maryland Transit Administration</a>	MTA is the public transit arm of MDOT. MTA operates and maintains Maryland Rail Commuter (MARC) trains and provides oversight to all public transportation systems in Maryland. MTA also operates commuter buses and provides funding and support to WMATA.
MPO	<a href="#">Metropolitan Planning Organization</a>	Federal transportation laws and regulations require the establishment of an MPO for every urbanized area in the U.S. with a population over 50,000. MPOs are responsible for meeting the federal metropolitan planning regulations for transportation.
MWAA	<a href="#">Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority</a>	MWAA plans and manages the facilities at Reagan National Airport (DCA) and Dulles International airport (IAD). Their oversight includes ground access to the airport.
MWAQC	<a href="#">Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee</a>	MWAQC is the entity certified under the Federal Clean Air Act to prepare an air quality plan for the Washington region. Like TPB, MWAQC is housed at the Council of Governments.

NCPC	<a href="#">National Capital Planning Commission</a>	NCPC is a federal agency that provides planning guidance for federal land and buildings, and related transportation issues throughout the national capital region.
NVTA	<a href="#">Northern Virginia Transportation Authority</a>	NVTA is responsible for long-range transportation planning for regional transportation projects in Virginia.
NVTC	<a href="#">Northern Virginia Transportation Commission</a>	A co-owner of VRE. NVTC coordinates public transit policies within Northern Virginia and appoints Virginia's representatives to WMATA's Board of Directors. NVTC serves Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun counties and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church.
PRTC	<a href="#">Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission</a> , operating as Omniride	PRTC operates local transit (publicly as Omniride) in Prince William and Stafford counties, and the cities of Fredericksburg, Manassas, and Manassas Park. PRTC is a co-owner of VRE along with NVTC.
RTPP	<a href="#">Regional Transportation Priorities Plan</a>	The RTPP, published in 2014, identifies strategies with the greatest potential to respond to the region's most significant transportation projects.
SIP	<a href="#">State Implementation Plan</a> (air quality)	The federal Clean Air Act requires states to produce State Implementation Plans for the attainment of air quality standards. Often, the Washington region's air quality plan is called a SIP, but technically the regional air quality plan comprises the region's portions of three SIPs – Virginia's, Maryland's and DC's.
TERMs	Transportation Emissions Reductions Measures	TERMs are transportation measures which are considered – and sometimes implemented – by the TPB to help meet the region's air quality goals. They include things like ridesharing or telecommuting programs, improved transit and bicycling facilities, and clean fuel vehicle programs.
TPB	<a href="#">National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board</a>	TPB is the organization that brings together decision makers to coordinate planning and funding for the region's transportation system. TPB members include local officials, representatives of state transportation agencies, WMATA, state legislators, and others. The TPB is designated as the MPO and is responsible for meeting federal metropolitan planning requirements for transportation. The TPB is staffed by the COG.
TIP	<a href="#">Transportation Improvement Program</a>	Developed and approved by the TPB, the TIP is a list of projects and programs that will be implemented over the next six years. In order to receive federal funding transportation projects must be included in the CLRP and the TIP.

TLC	<a href="#">Transportation Land Use Connections Program</a>	The TLC program provides short-term consulting services to local jurisdictions for small planning projects to promote mixed-use, walkable communities, and support a variety of transportation alternatives
TRB	Transportation Research Board	TRB is the brand of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine that provides interdisciplinary research on topics related to transportation.
TRAP	<a href="#">TPB Resources and Applications Page</a>	A catalogue of the frequently used mapping applications, data visualizations, and products used by the TPB to support transportation.
TRIP	<a href="#">Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan</a>	The first comprehensive regional transportation resilience plan for the National Capital Region. It builds on the strong foundation of transportation resilience work in the region.
US DOT	<a href="#">United States Department of Transportation</a>	USDOT is the cabinet-level federal department responsible for federal transportation laws and regulations. It includes the FHWA and FTA.
US EPA	<a href="#">United States Environmental Protection Agency</a>	EPA is the federal agency responsible for federal environmental laws and regulations, like the Clean Air Act, which affects the metropolitan planning process.
VDOT	<a href="#">Virginia Department of Transportation</a>	VDOT is the state DOT for Virginia. VDOT has strong authority over public roads and has the third largest state-maintained highway system in the country. VDOT is separate from VDRPT.
VDRPT	<a href="#">Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation</a>	VDRPT, an agency under the Virginia Secretary of Transportation (as in VDOT), provides technical and financial assistance to Virginia's public transit.
WMATA	<a href="#">Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority</a> (interchangeable with Metro)	WMATA is the public transit agency that runs the Metro bus and rail systems. Its board includes elected and appointed officials throughout the system's service area.
ZEB/ZEV	Zero-emission buses/Zero-emission buses	Used to describe a variety of zero-emission technology bus/vehicles such as electric or hydrogen systems

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General Transportation Terms

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and Transportation Planning Board Terms

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