

# THE UPWP SIMPLIFIED

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## Draft FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program

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# Presentation Overview

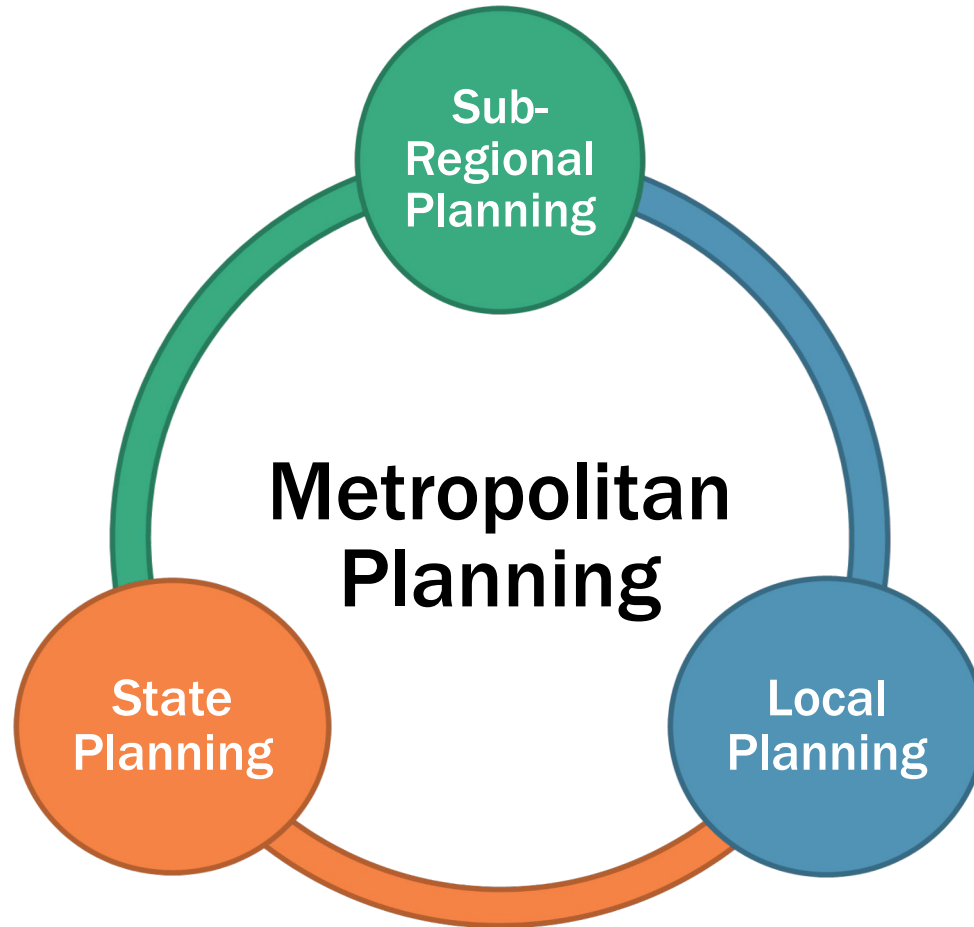
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- MPO Responsibilities
  - What are the structures, functions, purposes, and products of an MPO?
  - How does the TPB synchronize required products with Board member interests and needs?
- Board to approve FY 2026 UPWP on March 19



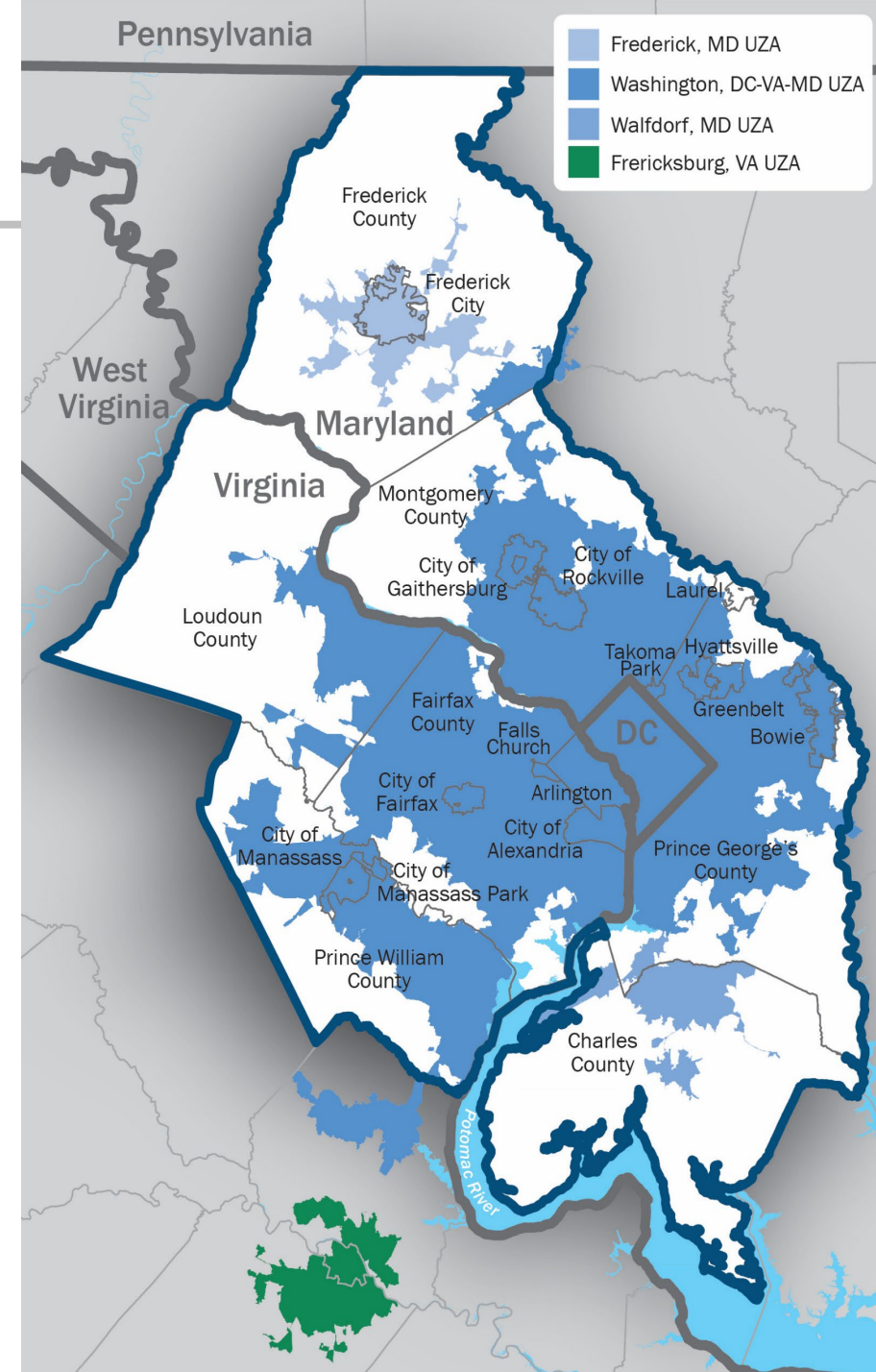
# Transportation Planning Process

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# Federal Requirements for MPOs

- Federally designated MPO for the metropolitan Washington region
- Federal requirements: products and process (23 CFR Part 450 / 49 CFR Part 613 / 40 CFR Part 93)
  - UPWP, LRTP, TIP, AQC, PBPP
  - “3C Process” – “Continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive” consultation process
  - Develop plans and programs that consider all transportation modes and support metropolitan community and economic development
  - Work in conjunction with state air and transportation agencies to meet federal Clean Air Act standards



# About the TPB

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- 43 members (Federal, state, regional, local agencies - 22 jurisdictions)
- 3,500 square miles in area; Nearly 6 million people and more than 3 million jobs
- Serves as a representative group of local stakeholders of the region
- Develops consensus-based *REGIONAL* transportation priority principles
- Prepares plans and programs that the federal government must approve in order for federal-aid transportation funds to flow to the metropolitan Washington region
- Provides technical resources for consensus building /decision-making; forum for regional coordination



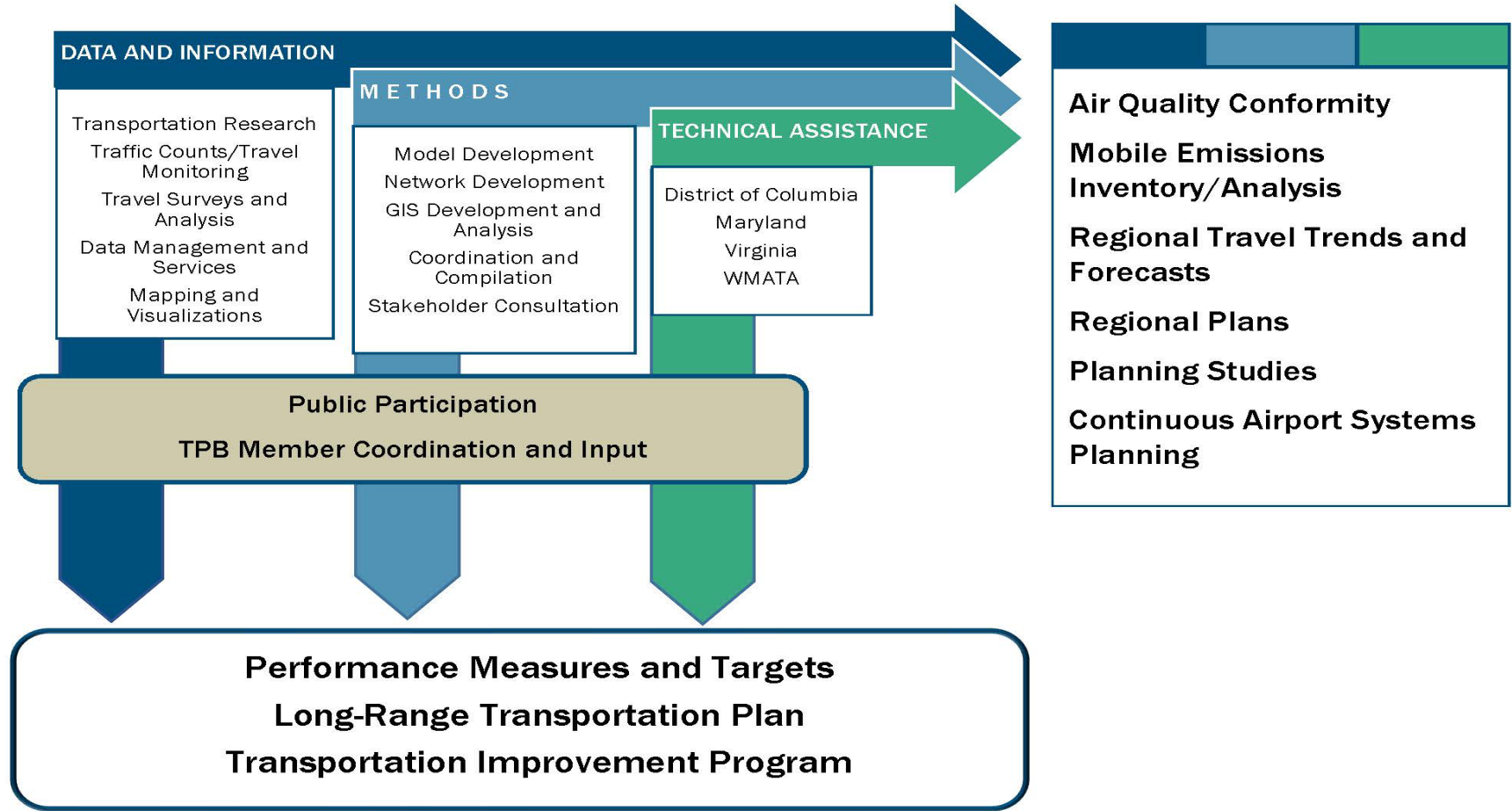
# Unified Planning Work Program – “How” the work is done

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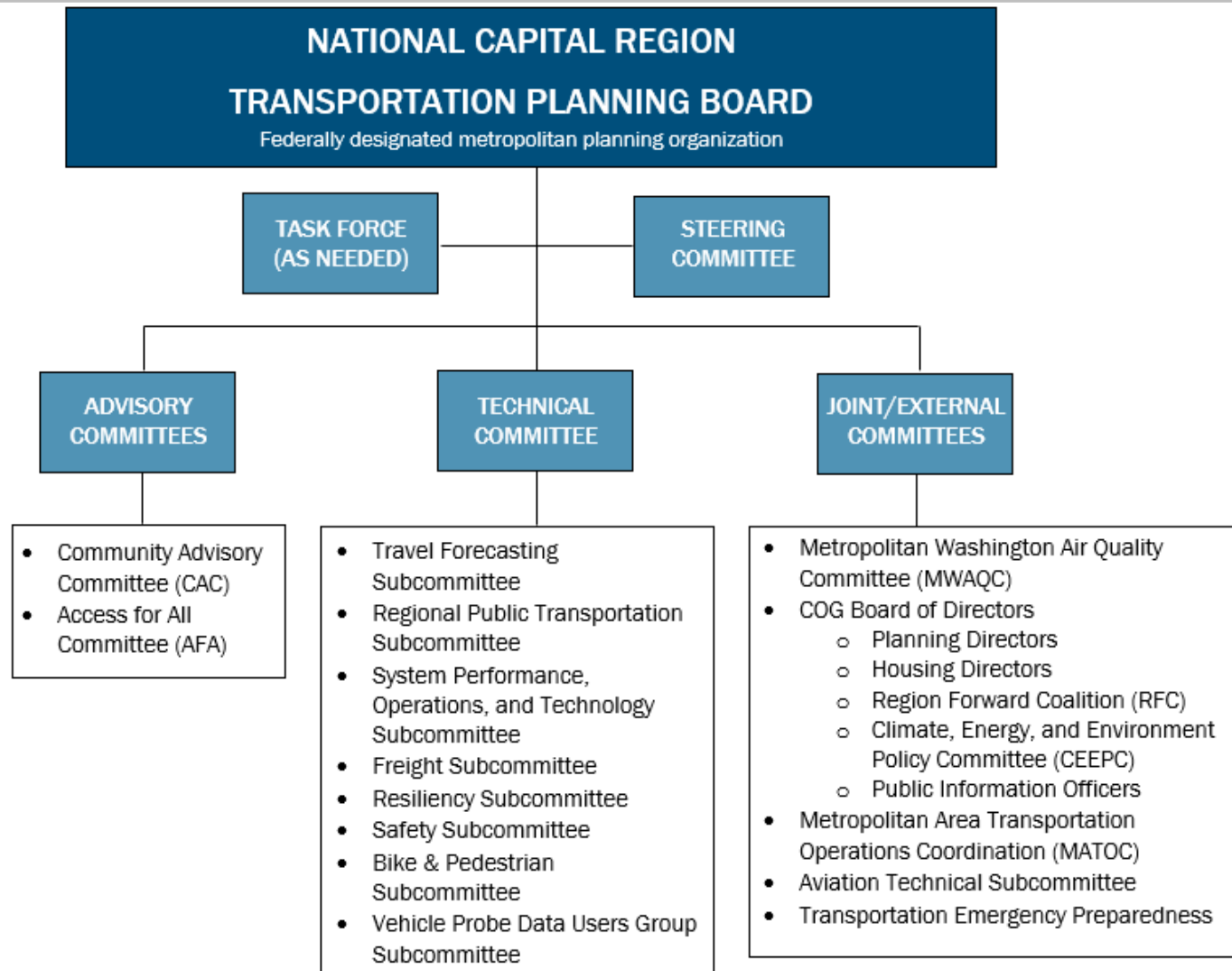
- A Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is an annual statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan planning area
- MPOs are required to develop UPWPs to govern work programs for the expenditure of FHWA and FTA planning funds [23 CFR 450.308)(b)]
- TPB approval on March 19 helps ensure FHWA and FTA approval by the June 30, 2025, deadline



# TPB Resources and Approach to Execute Metropolitan Planning



# Regional Coordination and Consultation





# TPB Role in Regional Initiatives (1)

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- Fund and implement regional programs
  - Transportation Land Use Connections (TLC) Program
  - Regional Roadway Safety (RRSP) Program
  - Transit Within Reach (TWR) Program
  - Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Program (TAP)
- Implement on behalf of members
  - Regional Travel Demand Management: Commuter Connections
  - Street Smart Safety Campaign
  - Enhanced Mobility Grants
  - Transportation Alternatives Program
  - Workshops on topics of interest including Transportation Resiliency, Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CAV), Micromobility



# TPB Role in Regional Initiatives (2)

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- Studies/data analyses on regional scale
  - Regional Activity Centers
  - Equity Emphasis Areas
  - High-Capacity-Transit Station Areas
  - Transportation Aspirational Initiatives
  - National Capital Trail Network
  - Mobile emissions analysis
    - MWAQC, 2015 ozone NAAQS, MOVES4 (AQC) & MOVES5 (development of SIPs)
    - Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC)
    - TPB climate change planning activities
  - Air quality conformity analysis



# TPB Role in Regional Initiatives (3)

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- Policy priorities and templates
  - Regional greenhouse gas reduction goals
  - Strategies to improve region's roadway safety outcomes
  - Complete Streets
  - Green Streets
  - Recommendations to enhance Traffic Incident Management
- Emergency Preparedness and Management & Operations
  - Planning activities in support of the MATOC Program



# Technical Resources for Decision-Making On-Going Activities

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- Travel conditions, travel demand, demographic datasets and analysis
- Travel forecasting – models and estimates
- Mobile emissions analysis
- Travel monitoring
- Data and methods to set transportation system performance targets
- Multimodal initiatives
- Interactive data reporting and visualization tools
- Variety of communication tools to help us and you get the word out



# Sneak Peek at New Activities

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- Visualize 2050 and FY 2026-2029 TIP Approval
- Environmental Justice analysis of Visualize 2050
- National Capital Region Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update
- National Capital Region Freight Plan Update
- Resiliency - analysis on impacts of extreme heat to transit riders with particular focus on equity and access to critical infrastructure
- Greenhouse gas reduction activities
- Safety Activities as outlined
- Gen3 Travel Model beta version release
- Regional Travel Survey



# Next Steps

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- Develop FY 2026 budget (revenue and expenses)
- Determine “carry-over” from FY 2025 (activities unable to be completed by June 30)
- Provide detailed information on proposed FY 2026 products and projects
- TPB to approve FY 2026 UPWP March 19



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