

TPB ACCESS FOR ALL RECRUITMENT

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The Access for All (AFA) Advisory Committee

- Established in 2000 to bring the transportation concerns of low-income, traditionally underserved communities, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), older adults, and persons with disabilities into the regional transportation planning process.
- Reorganized in 2016 by combining with the Human Services Transportation Coordination Task Force.
- Provides feedback to the Transportation Planning Board on issues important to these communities.
- Comprised of members and ex-officio members.
 - Members represent a nonprofit group or serve on an advisory committee related to the work of the committee.
 - Ex-Officio members work for state or local agency, transit provider, or are a private provider of transportation services.

This recruitment effort is for members and ex-officio members.



Why is the TPB concerned with Access for All?

Federal Requirements

- Civil Rights Act of 1964 Title VI
- Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- Public Participation in Transportation Planning
23 CFR 450.316

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- Title VI Plan
- Public Participation Plan



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AFA Mission



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.....advises the TPB on transportation issues, programs, policies, and services important to traditionally underserved communities, including low-income communities, traditionally underserved ethnic communities, people with limited English proficiency, people with disabilities, and older adults. The committee identifies issues of concern to traditionally underserved populations to determine whether and how these issues might be addressed within the TPB process.

Schedule:

Quarterly, with additional times for topic-specific fora. There is always a virtual option.



AFA Objectives

- Facilitate regional discussion about issues important to the community
- Provide feedback to the TPB on the National Capital Region Transportation Plan (Visualize), other long-range planning efforts, studies, and transportation issues
Specifically, provide guidance on updates to the Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan which must be revised every 4 years and disparate impacts information in the constrained long-range plan (Title VI requirement)
- Provide input on the priorities for the TPB's solicitation for Enhanced Mobility grant applications
- Serve as a forum for coordination among community groups and human service agencies at the regional level



2025-2026 AFA Work Plan Priorities

In addition to the National Capital Region Transportation Plan and other long-range planning efforts, over the next two years the AFA will:

- Refresh the AFA structure and organization with an eye toward making the committee more relevant.
- Provide input on the priorities for the TPB's solicitation for Enhanced Mobility grant applications.
- Participate in regional forums and workshops to represent traditionally underserved communities, for example, the Regional Curbside Management Forum.



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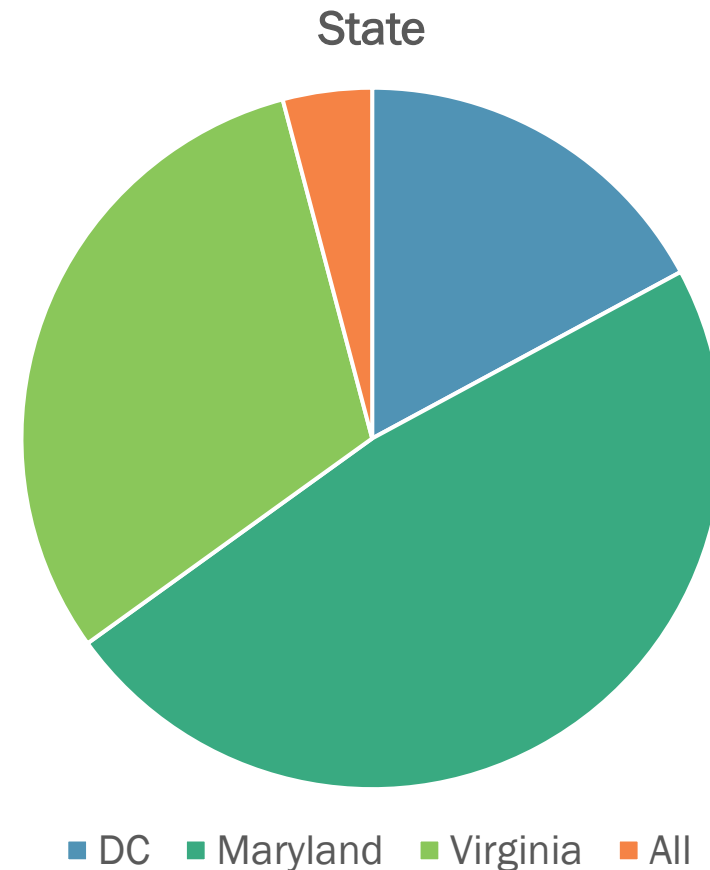
Next Steps

- Recruitment began March 10 and will run through April 14, 2025.
- There is an application on SurveyMonkey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9Y5PNWH>
- OR contact Laura Bachle directly (202.962.3273, lbachle@mwkog.org)
- After the recruitment phase closes, TPB staff will evaluate the applications based on the eligibility criteria.
- TPB staff anticipate providing the 2025-2026 roster to TPB in the May Director's Report.



Recruitment Progress to Date

- 28 applications received
- Currently trending toward organizations who represent people with disabilities
- Good geographical coverage overall, with a large proportion serving Montgomery County
- Current gaps:
 - Ex-officio representatives from MD
 - Limited English Skills



Your help is “still” requested in identifying potential members.

TPB staff will be emphasizing outreach to organizations that represent the concerns of people with Limited English Proficiency, low incomes, and traditionally underserved ethnic communities.



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Community Collaborative

PAST MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

District of Columbia

- DC Office of Human Rights
- Anacostia Parks & Community Collaborative
- Capitol Hill Village

Maryland

- The Arc of Montgomery County
- Gaithersburg HELP
- The Arc of Prince George's County
- Montgomery County Public Schools

Virginia

- ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Northern Virginia
- NV Rides
- The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT/Inc

Members Continued...

Regional/National

- Every Citizen Has Opportunities (ECHO)
- The Urban Institute/CHPlanning
- Deborah Fisher Consulting
- Transportation Footeprints
- Jewish Council for the Aging
- Direct Action (for People with Disabilities)
- The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT/Inc.
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Ex-Officio Members

District of Columbia

- DC Department of For Hire Vehicles
- DDOT
- DC Office of Disability Rights
- Yellow Cab Co. of DC

Maryland

- Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland
- MDOT
- Maryland State Highway Administration
- Maryland Department of Disabilities



Members Continued...Ex-Officio

Maryland (cont'd)

- Montgomery County Department of Transportation
- Montgomery County D.H.H.S.
- City of Takoma Park

Virginia

- Fairfax Neighborhood & Community Services
- VDOT
- Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transportation

Regional/National

- Yellow Paratransit, Inc.
- Federal Highway Administration
- Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority



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