

# VISUALIZE 2050

*National Capital Region Transportation Plan*

Agenda Item #XX

## PLAN AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

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### Visualize 2050 & FY 2026-2029 TIP

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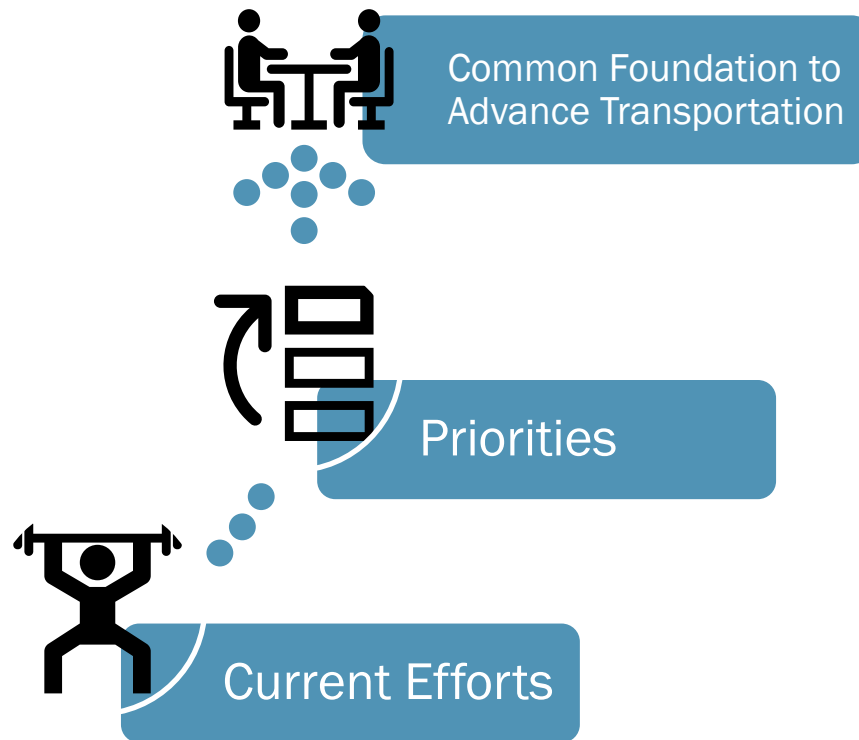
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# Overview

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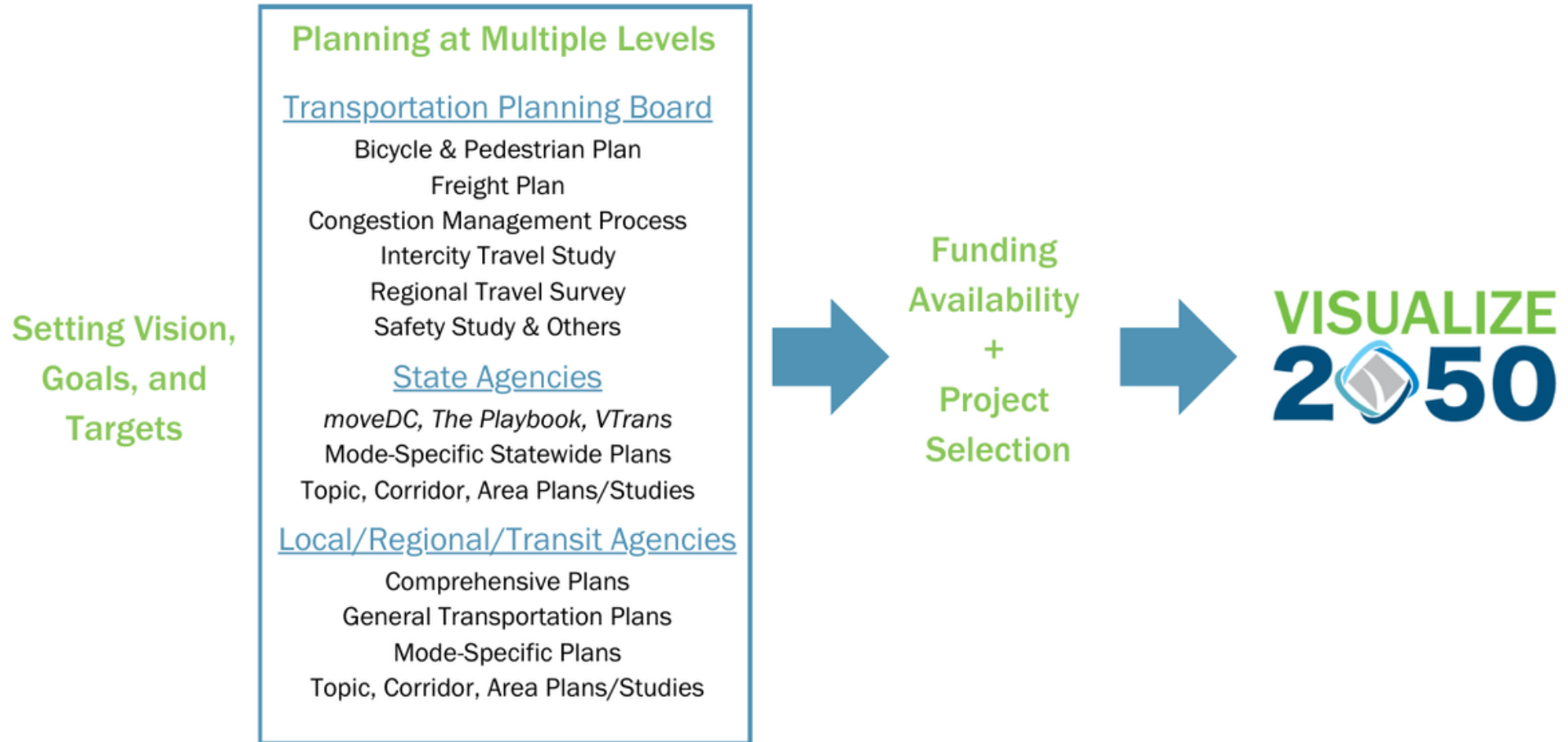
- Development of the National Capital Region Transportation Plan
- Overview of the Visualize 2050 Plan Contents
- Remaining Schedule
- New Visualize 2050 website

# Goal for National Capital Region Transportation Plan



To communicate current efforts and priorities to provide stakeholders with a common foundation for advancing transportation.

# NCR Transportation Planning Process



# What is the Transportation Plan?

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- Transportation System Today
- Current System Performance
- Impacts / Interaction With Societal Topics
- Financial Plan – Capital & Operations
  - 2050 System and Performance
  - Challenges Beyond the Plan
  - Moving Forward

# Public Transportation in Visualize 2050

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- Public Transportation has a critical role in the region's multimodal transportation system connecting the region's communities and is reported on throughout many parts of the plan:
  - Current Transit Trends & Ridership
  - Access to Transit
  - Transit Reliability & Congestion
  - Safety & Security
  - Transit Asset Management
  - Transit, Housing & Land Use
  - Emerging Technologies
  - Financial Plan
  - Future Transit Projects
  - Beyond the Budget
- Example: [Existing Transportation in the National Capital Region Multimodal System \(2023\)](#)

# Key Takeaways for Regional Public Transportation

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- Public Transit is both an input into the plan and an important driver of responsive regional planning towards desired outcomes of the TPB's policy framework:
  - More affordable housing within proximity to jobs.
  - More options for transit, bicycling, and walking.
  - Shorter trips, reduced travel times and improved reliability.
  - More efficient movement of freight and commercial goods.
  - Improved economic competitiveness.
  - Vibrant, mixed-use communities with equitable, accessible, safe choices.
  - Less time commuting: more time for family and friends.
  - Improved environmental health and a better climate

# Final Products

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- Plan National Capital Region Transportation Plan (Transportation Plan), Visualize 2050, a point in time snapshot of the region's planning activities to deliver a better transportation system
- Program Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) lists planned financial obligations for the first four years of the Transportation Plan
- Process Ongoing work to improve transportation as shared in the plan & program
- Conformity Ensuring the region's planned activities meet air quality standards, both now and in the future

*Planning Together Today for  
Better Travel Tomorrow*





# Remaining Schedule: January - July

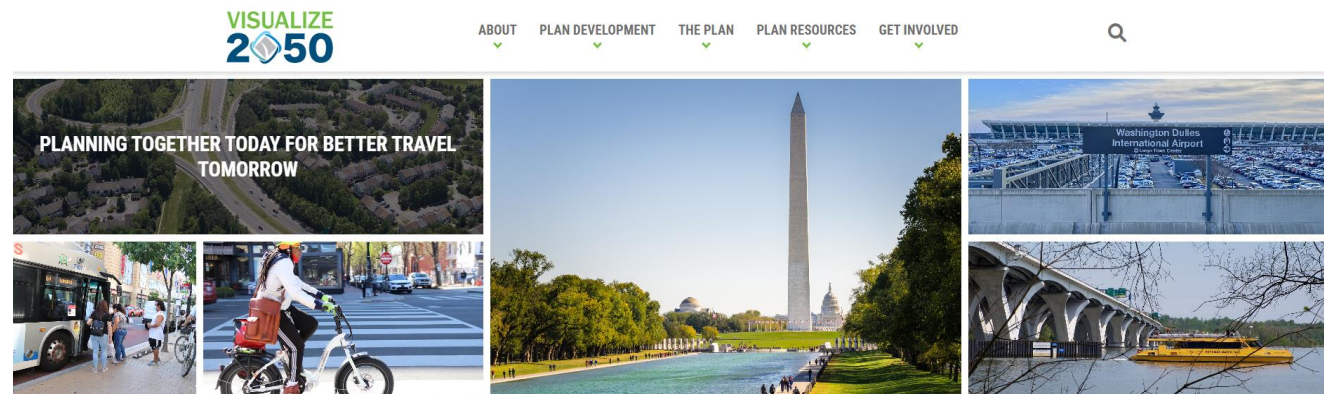
<b>January – April 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TPB staff and agencies complete zero-based budgeting exercise.</li><li>• TPB releases updated Technical Input Solicitation for TIP financial details on funding amounts by fiscal years between FY 2026-2029.</li><li>• TPB receives a briefing at the April meeting from VDOT on the I-495/95 Southside Express Lanes (SEL) project.</li></ul>
<b>May 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>All remaining ZBB activities including detailed FY 2026-2029 TIP financial inputs due <u>Friday, May 9, 2025</u>.</b></li><li>• TPB staff draft financial analysis for the plan and TIP.</li></ul>
<b>June 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TPB staff draft AQC and performance analysis for the plan and TIP.</li></ul>
<b>July 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TPB work session: Detailed presentation of the Air Quality Conformity Results, Financial Plan, and System Performance Assessment for both options – with and without the I-495/95 SEL project; VDOT SEL project update.</li><li>• TPB meeting: Briefing on draft results of the Air Quality Conformity, financial plan and system performance analyses for both options; VDOT SEL project update. TPB to pick one option at its September meeting. TPB briefed on the draft system level key challenges beyond the current transportation plan.</li></ul>

# Remaining Schedule: September–December

<b>September 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TPB votes to move forward with or without the I-495 Southside Express Lanes project for continuation in the plan development and air quality conformity processes.</li><li>• Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) and MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee (MWAQC-TAC) reviews draft results of AQC analysis for the updated plan and FY 2026–2029 TIP.</li><li>• Staff finalize the draft plan, TIP, and AQC documents, website, and advertise the comment period.</li></ul>
<b>October 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Public comment period on the draft plan, TIP, and the results of AQC analysis for the updated plan and FY 2026-2029 TIP (tentative dates: <u>Saturday, October 4 – Sunday, November 2, 2025</u>).</b></li><li>• TPB, TPB Technical Committee review the draft Visualize 2050 plan, FY 2026-2029 TIP, and Air Quality Conformity Analysis Report.</li></ul>
<b>November 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TPB and Technical Committee receive a summary of the comments received on the analysis, plan and TIP; the agencies sponsoring the projects will have the opportunity to provide responses to comments.</li></ul>
<b>December 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>TPB will be asked to approve the results of the AQC analysis and adopt the Visualize 2050 plan and the FY 2026-2029 TIP.</b></li></ul>

# Visualize 2050 Website

- Website link: [www.visualize2050.org](http://www.visualize2050.org)
- Explains the National Capital Region Transportation Plan development process
- Brings the printed plan to life through interactive maps and chapters
- Highlights recent developments
- Supports TPB members and community members through resources
- Serves as the gateway for public participation



# Share the Website

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## Ahead of the comment period:

- Share on your websites, in newsletters, on social posts
- Share at public meetings and with community organizations

## During the comment period:

- Point to the draft plan, TIP, and Air Quality Conformity report
- Use the Ambassador Toolkit
- Use hashtag #Visualize2050
- Encourage comments!

**Think regionally.  
Act locally.**

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