

Meeting Highlights TPB Technical Committee – February 7, 2025

The Technical Committee met on Friday, February 7, 2025. Meeting materials can be found here:
<https://www.mwcog.org/events/2025/2/7/tpb-technical-committee/>

The following items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB's February agenda:

TPB AGENDA ITEM 7 – PBPP: 2025 TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT TARGETS

The committee was briefed on the federal requirements for setting transit asset management targets by metropolitan planning organizations. A final set of 2025 transit asset management targets for the National Capital Region were presented. The board was briefed on the draft targets and asked to approve the regional transit asset management targets.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 8 – BRIEFING ON THE DRAFT FY 2026 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

The board was briefed on the draft UPWP for FY 2026 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026). The UPWP is an annual statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan planning area and serves as the TPB staff's work scope for the upcoming fiscal year. On March 19, the Transportation Planning Board will be asked to approve the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program. This presentation was focused on new activities and projects.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 9 – BRIEFING ON THE DRAFT FY 2026 COMMUTER CONNECTIONS WORK PROGRAM

The board was briefed on the draft Commuter Connections Work Program (CCWP) for FY 2026 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026). The CCWP is an annual statement of work that identifies alternative commute program projects and services designed to help improve traffic congestion and meet regional air quality goals in the non-attainment area. On March 19, the Transportation Planning Board will be asked to approve the FY 2026 Commuter Connections Work Program.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 10 – COMMUTER INCENTIVES: MOTIVATING TRAVEL BEHAVIOR CHANGE

The committee was briefed on the concept of commuter incentive programs and how the TPB's Commuter Connections program utilizes incentives to encourage commuters to try non-SOV modes of transportation, which can reduce roadway congestion and improve air quality. Commuter Connections has operated various incentive programs for over ten years, and by the end of this month, will fully launch the new CommuterCash program that will eventually encompass several incentive programs within one mobile application.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 11 – TPB INTERCITY TRAVEL STUDY

Continuing from previous briefings, the committee was briefed on the final report of the TPB's 2024 Intercity Travel Study, including results from the intercept survey of travelers, a webmap of the findings, and recommendations. The committee was briefed on the complete study at its meeting.

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

VISUALIZE 2050 AND FY 2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: UPDATES ON ZERO-BASED BUDGETING EXERCISE

TPB staff provided an update on the ongoing zero-based budgeting activities. This update included agency progress on the clarifications requested for non-regionally significant (NRS) priority fields, corrections to regionally significant for air quality (RSAQ) mapping, overarching projects (OAPs), TPB project titles, NRS remaining fields review, and TIP financial inputs.

UPDATE ON AIR QUALITY SIP PLANNING ACTIVITIES

TPB staff provided an update on State Implementation Plan (SIP) activities related to National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone.

OTHER BUSINESS

- TLC/RRSP solicitation January 6
- Update on recent federal actions
- MDOT Carbon Reduction Program – project solicitation underway
- Staff Update, including Retirement Announcements