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Metropolitan Planning Organization

Active Transportation Program Project Evaluation & BPAC Organization

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
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Discussion Items

- ➔ Recap of Last Meeting
- ➔ Active Transportation Program Call-for-Projects
 - BPAC role during project evaluation with a focus on defining qualitative assessment categories
- ➔ BPAC Organizational Structure
 - Discuss proposed activities for the BPAC post-regional study
 - Peer review of other BPACs
 - Staff recommendations for MPO BPAC activities and structure

Active Transportation Program Call-for-Projects

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Active Transportation Call-for-Projects

- ➔ \$2.5 million in Urban Surface Transportation Program grant funds over next 4 to 5 years
 - Authorized by the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan
 - Programmed in the FYs 2011-15 Transportation Improvement Program
- ➔ Eligibility limited to those projects or programs that improve the active transportation system throughout the Nashville Area MPO planning area
 - At least one infrastructure project
 - At least one non-infrastructure project
- ➔ Evaluation Process: SEE HANDOUT

BPAC Project Evaluation

- ➔ BPAC will be asked to rate each project on a scale of 0 (worst) to 5 (best) for four separate categories:
 - Promotion of Environmental and Public Health
 - Expected Utility/ Usage
 - Contribution to the Built Environment
 - Value over No-Build/ No-Action

- ➔ **TODAY'S TASKS:**
 - Finalize categories
 - Discuss thought process for scoring each category to help create guidance BPAC members

BPAC Organizational Structure

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BPACs in other areas

- ➔ Chattanooga
 - Predominately information sharing
- ➔ Knoxville
 - Subcommittees for events, media, enforcement
- ➔ Puget Sound
 - TE/TIP project selection criteria, outreach, measuring bike/ped demand, design guidelines, advise local gov't
- ➔ Sacramento
 - Advises Board on bike/ped in plans and project priorities
 - Awarding funding, online bike/ped trip planner, Bicycle Commute Month
- ➔ San Francisco
 - 3 members per county – gov't, bike coalition, general public (MPO does not have BPAC)

Regional BPAC: Main Objectives

- ➔ Provide a direct, formal relationship between users and advocates of active modes of transportation and MPO decision-makers
- ➔ Assist staff in the formulation of policy, plan, program, and project recommendations
- ➔ Provide the MPO with additional resources to advance regional policies in support of active transportation

Regional BPAC: Proposed Activities

- ➔ **Evaluate projects** for state and federal funding, as needed
- ➔ Provide a **peer exchange** for local BPACs, non-profit advocacy, and public-sector agencies
- ➔ **Co-host regional/statewide symposium** or summit to advance issues related to the non-motorized modes of transportation
- ➔ **Provide input on scoping regional planning studies** of walking and bicycling infrastructure
- ➔ **Assist in the coordination of information** related to regional policies, plan, programs, and projects that improve walking & bicycling infrastructure

Regional BPAC: General Characteristics

- ➔ **15 to 25 members**
 - Appointed by local BPAC, local mayor/county executive, or MPO chair
 - Serve multi-year terms
- ➔ **3 to 5 members per MPO County**
- ➔ **Mix of organizational backgrounds**
 - public-sector, private organizations, individuals, etc.
- ➔ **Mix of professional training/ background**
 - policy, planning, engineering, law enforcement, etc.
- ➔ **Meet as necessary, in-person or by tele/web conference**
 - at least quarterly, but not likely on a monthly basis

Regional BPAC: Membership

- ➔ **Local BPAC Representatives** – as designated by the Local BPAC
- ➔ **Public Sector Agency Representatives** – as designated by the Mayor/ County Executive
 - Planning, Engineering, Parks & Recreation, Health, Law Enforcement, schools, etc.
 - Rotating Geography
- ➔ **Non-Profit Advocacy Representatives** – as appointed by the MPO Chair
- ➔ **Concerned/ Interested Individuals** – as appointed by the MPO Chair

MPO Study Recommendations

➔ Build Knowledge and Awareness

- Hold Regional Bike/Ped Summit
- Foster relationships between public and private sector (chambers, bike shops, engineering companies)
- Create GIS database with transit routes for mapping/planning purposes
- Establish an annual report on bike/ped activities
- Create website with routes and maps
- Publicize bike/ped projects and events
- Establish a Bicycle Ambassadors program
- Integrate bike/ped safety curriculum into schools and other educational programs
- Create, fund and implement bicycle media campaigns
- Work with local police on enforcing bike/ped laws
- Continue the bike/ped count program
- Analyze crash data

MPO Study Recommendations

➔ Create Policies & Programs

- Designate a local bike/ped coordinator in every jurisdiction
- Require continuing education for staffs involved in bike/ped decision making
- Integrate recommendations of bike/ped study into local ordinances and guidelines
- Create, fund and implement a regional bicycle parking program
- Encourage local governments to adopt Complete Streets policies