



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

MEMORANDUM

**30 DAY PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**JUNE 28, 2019 TO JULY 29, 2019**

**BACKGROUND**

In May, 2018, The AMATS Policy Committee approved projects shown in the AMATS 2040 MTP Draft Alternatives document, Attachment A below, to be modeled using the AMATS travel demand model as a basis for developing a Draft Preferred Alternative list of projects. In addition to a “Base Case” of projects considered necessary, for example, to maintain a state of good repair, or that had been recommended in previous studies, two scenarios were presented. The “Building on Today” scenario (later changed by the PC to “Focus on Moving Motor Vehicles”) focused on roadway improvements, but would continue to expand multi-modal options, with modest improvements to the transit system. The “Pushing the Envelope” scenario (later changed by the PC to “Include Broader Transportation Solutions”) emphasized giving people greater transportation choices and improving mobility through reducing single occupant vehicle (SOV) trips and less emphasis on increasing roadway capacity to address congestion. During scenario modeling, the Public Transportation Department (PTD) requested that projects beyond the current level of service not be included in the MTP yet as they had not been vetted through the formal PTD planning process, but would be considered through the short-range PTD plan, currently underway. For discussion purposes, a third scenario was developed to show the results of a 5% reduction in SOV trips. Discussion would revolve around the types of policies that would need to be in place to achieve such level of SOV reduction, including parking, land use (Transit Oriented Development), and exploring additional revenue sources.

Model results were used to develop a Project Team Draft Preferred Alternative list of projects, which *ultimately was a blend of the two scenarios, with Base Case projects*. The project list was refined by removing projects on local roads and combining individual non-motorized projects with their related roadway project. Projects were scored using a second level scoring process described in Tech Memo #1B, Screening, and the fiscal constraint analysis was applied to the projects, and results were presented to a Joint AMATS Work Session in March 2019, and considered at two subsequent Work Sessions in April and May. The attached document includes the resultant AMATS Draft Recommended Alternative list of projects in Tables 17, 18, and 19, with modeled results in Tables 20, 21, and 22.

Short Term is from 2018 to 2030. Long Term is from 2031 to 2040.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

**The public is asked to review the AMATS RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE LISTS OF PROJECTS – ROADWAY, TRANSIT, AND NON-MOTORIZED – AND PROVIDE COMMENTS BY 5PM JULY 29, 2019.**