



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director
SUBJECT: Proposal to form a working group to determine a process for evaluating new project submissions for the CLRP
DATE: December 10, 2015

The TPB has been discussing the projected system performance outcomes of the 2015 CLRP in the past few monthly meetings. Some members of the Board have stated that the system-wide performance of the CLRP is less than satisfactory and suggested that the Board should consider enhancements to the process by which the CLRP is developed.

One of the outcomes of this general sentiment is the recently established Unfunded Capital Needs Work Group which is working to identify a limited set of regionally significant multi-modal projects that are currently unfunded but have the greatest potential to help improve the performance of the region's transportation system if funded and added to the CLRP.

A couple of members of the Board have suggested that the TPB establish a Task Force made of interested members of the Board to explore other enhancements to the TPB's CLRP development process and recommend enhancements that the TPB would consider adopting for future updates to the CLRP.

A work session of the Board is being proposed to be held in January (tentatively on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 from 10:30 to 11:45 at COG) to discuss the matter. The purpose of the TPB work session will be to identify the issue that is to be addressed by the Task Force and develop a consensus-based charge for the Task Force. The charge for the Task Force would include the specific issue the Task Force is to address and the framework for any recommendations it would develop for the Board to consider. Discussions from the work session will form the basis of a resolution for the TPB to adopt that would create a Task Force with a specific charge decided by the Board.

A couple of members of the Board have developed draft resolutions suggesting the charge for this Task Force and these are provided as attachments to this memo. Discussion of this topic during the December 4 TPB Technical and Steering Committee meetings generated additional questions and suggestions about the issue to be addressed as well as suggestions for the Task Force's charge. Given the policy oriented nature of the topic and the proposals made to date, strong participation of members of the Board in the January 20, 2016 work session and a deliberative discussion of the topic will be important. Board members and their alternatives are encouraged to participate in the work session.