

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: July 20, 2011
Time: 12 noon
Place: COG Board Room

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| 12 noon | 1. | Public Comment on TPB Procedures and Activities | Chair Bowser |
| | | Interested members of the public will be given the opportunity to make brief comments on transportation issues under consideration by the TPB. Each speaker will be allowed up to three minutes to present his or her views. Board members will have an opportunity to ask questions of the speakers, and to engage in limited discussion. Speakers are asked to bring written copies of their remarks (65 copies) for distribution at the meeting. | |
| 12:20 pm | 2. | Approval of Minutes of June 15 Meeting | Chair Bowser |
| 12:25 pm | 3. | Report of Technical Committee | Mr. Kellogg
Chair, Technical Committee |
| 12:30 pm | 4. | Report of Citizen Advisory Committee | Mr. Dobelbower
Chair, Citizens Advisory Committee |
| 12:40 pm | 5. | Report of Steering Committee | Mr. Kirby
Director, Department of
Transportation Planning (DTP) |
| 12:45 pm | 6. | Chair's Remarks | Chair Bowser |

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ACTION ITEMS

12:50 pm 7. **Approval of Regional Car Free Day 2011 Proclamation**
.....Mr. Ramfos, DTP

In an effort to encourage residents to leave their cars at home or to take alternative forms of transportation such as public transit, carpools, vanpools, telework, bicycling or walking, Regional Car Free Day events are being organized in the region for Thursday, September 22. These events will encourage the business community and other regional decision-makers to support car free policies and initiatives.

Action: Approve the enclosed Car Free Day 2011 Proclamation.

12:55 pm 8. **Approval of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis, an Amendment to the 2010 CLRP to Modify the I-95/395 HOV/HOT Lanes Project, Widen I-66 between US 29 and Route 15, and Add a Ramp from the HOV Lanes of I-395 to Seminary Road, and an Amendment to the FY 2011-2016 TIP to Include Funding for the I-66 Project as Requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)**
.....Mr. Moore

At the June 15 meeting, the Board was briefed on the draft conformity analysis for an amendment to the 2010 CLRP to remove the I-95/395 HOV/HOT lanes project and its components in its entirety, add a HOV/HOT lanes project on I-95 between I-495 and Garrisonville Road/Route 610 in Stafford County, widen I-66 to 8 lanes including HOV lanes between US 29 and Route 15, and add a reversible one-lane ramp from the HOV lanes of I-395 to and from Seminary Road, as described in the attached project description forms. The draft conformity results and financial plan information for the projects were released for a 30-day public comment period on June 15. In a June 29, 2011 letter, VDOT has requested that the FY 2011-2016 TIP be amended to include FY 2011 construction funding for the I-66 project. The Board will be briefed on comments received and recommended responses, and asked to approve the air quality conformity determination for the 2010 CLRP amendment, the amendment to the 2010 CLRP to include these projects, and the amendment to the FY 2011-2016 TIP to include FY 2011 funding for the I-66 project.

Action: Adopt Resolution R1-2012 to approve the air quality conformity determination for the 2010 CLRP amendment, the amendment to the 2010 CLRP, and the amendment to the FY 2011-2016 TIP to include FY 2011 funding for the I-66 project, as described in the attached materials.

1:00 pm 9. **Approval of Technical Assistance Recipients Under the FY 2012 Transportation/Land Use Connections (TLC) Program**
..... Ms. Koster
Ms. Crawford, DTP

On March 1, 2011 the Call for Project Applications for the FY 2012 TLC program was released. During March, the TLC brochure and application form were distributed to TPB member jurisdictions inviting applications for short-term technical assistance to advance their transportation and land use coordination activities. On March 18 a pre-application

workshop was held. The Board will be briefed on the applications received by the due date of May 18, and on the TLC technical assistance recipients that have been recommended for funding by a technical review committee. The review committee is chaired by Ms. Koster, TPB member representing the National Capital Planning Commission. The Board will be asked to approve the recommended TLC technical assistance recipients.

Action: Approve the recommended TLC technical assistance recipients under the FY 2012 TLC program.

1:10 pm 10.

Approval of a Scope and Process to Develop a TPB Regional Transportation Priorities Plan

..... Vice Chair Turner
Mr. Kirby

At the June 15 meeting, the Board provided comments on a draft scope and process to develop a TPB Regional Transportation Priorities Plan, which was approved by the TPB Priorities Plan Scoping Task Force. The Board will be briefed on a revised scope for incorporation into the FY 2012 UPWP.

Action: Approve the enclosed scope and process to develop a TPB Regional Transportation Priorities Plan for incorporation into the FY 2012 UPWP.

1:20 pm 11.

Approval of TPB Participation in the Submission by COG of a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

..... Mr. Robertson, Executive Director, COG

On June 20, 2011, HUD published an advance Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the FY 2011 Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant program. The program provides competitive funding for grants to support improvements to multi-jurisdictional regional planning efforts that would help integrate housing, transportation, environmental impact, and economic development. COG plans to apply for a grant on behalf of a regional consortium that will include the TPB as the region's metropolitan planning organization (MPO), COG member jurisdictions, and a broad cross-section of public- and private-sector stakeholders. The Board will be briefed on the purpose of the grant program, the grant development process, and the grant structure and outcomes as described in the attached materials. The Board will be asked to approve TPB participation in the consortium for the COG submission of a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Application.

Action: Adopt Resolution R2-2012 to approve TPB participation in the consortium for the COG submission of a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Application to HUD.

1:30 pm 12.

Endorsement of a Proposed TPB Project Application Concept for Funding Under the FY 2011 Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Competitive Grant Program, and of Applications Under Development by TPB Member Agencies for Four FTA Competitive Grant Programs

.....Mr. Kirby

On July 1, USDOT released in the Federal Register the Interim Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for \$527 million in discretionary surface transportation grant funding for the FY 2011 TIGER program, with pre-applications due on October 3 and final applications due on October 31. The Board will be briefed on the key features of this program, and on a proposed project application concept to implement transit access improvements in selected rail station areas. The Board will be asked to endorse this proposed project application concept, and will be asked at its September 21 meeting to approve a pre-application for submission by October 3. During June, FTA released NOFAs for four competitive grant programs with applications from states and designated transit recipients due in the next 30 to 60 days. The Board will be briefed on project applications under development by TPB member agencies, as described in the enclosed memorandum, and asked to endorse them as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington region.

Action: Approve TPB staff proposal to proceed with the development of a TIGER project application concept to implement transit access improvements in selected rail station areas, and authorize the TPB chair to sign letters endorsing FTA project applications under development by TPB member agencies, as described in the enclosed memorandum.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1:40 pm 13.

Update on COG’s Regional Incident Management and Response (IMR) Action Plan.....

Councilmember Andrews
Chair, IMR Steering Committee

At its April meeting, the Board was briefed on a new COG steering committee that will develop an action plan to identify improvements to regional incident management based on the experience of the January 26 snow/ice event. The Board will be updated on the activities to date to develop the action plan.

1:50 pm 14.

Briefing on Amendments to the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to Revise the Budget and Respond to the Federal Transportation Planning Certification Review

.....Mr. Kirby

Since the FY 2012 UPWP was approved by the TPB in March, the funding allocations provided by DDOT, MDOT and VDOT have been revised to reflect changes in new FY 2012 funding and adjustments in the unobligated FY 2010 funding. The Board will be briefed on an amendment to revise the budget to reflect the funding changes. At the May 18 meeting, the Board was briefed on the recent FTA and FHWA certification review of the transportation planning process for the Washington DC-VA-MD Transportation Management Area. The Board

will be briefed on proposed amendments to the FY 2012 UPWP to implement the recommendations and corrective actions included in the federal certification report. The TPB will be asked to approve these amendments at its meeting on September 21.

1:55 pm 15. **Other Business**

2:00 pm 16. **Adjourn**

2 hours

Lunch will be available for Board members and alternates at 11:30 am