

## **ITEM 8- Information**

September 21, 2005

### Report on TPB Transportation Planning Process Certification Review

#### **Staff**

**Recommendation:** Receive briefing on the preliminary observations of the certification review.

**Issues:** None.

**Background:** As required by federal regulations, the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations will conduct a Certification Review of the TPB transportation planning process on September 19-20, 2005. The Federal review team will also attend the Access for All Committee and Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on September 15. The agenda for the review is attached.

**U.S. Department of Transportation  
Certification Review of the Washington, D.C.  
Metropolitan Area Planning Process  
September 15, 19-21, 2005**

**AGENDA – 9/15/2005**

**Thursday, September 15th**

**Access For All Advisory Committee Meeting Room 1- First Floor**

**12:30 p.m.** - The federal team will join the scheduled TPB Access For All Advisory Committee meeting for an opportunity to discuss TPB activities involving persons with disabilities, minority, and low-income communities.

**Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Training Center – First Floor**

**6:00 p.m.** - The federal team will join the scheduled TPB CAC meeting for an open dialogue concerning public involvement in the transportation planning process (discussion questions provided in advance).

**September 19-21, Certification Review**

**Format** for all sessions: Each topic is introduced by the federal team discussion leader, followed by a 2-5 minute overview and update by TPB staff (and other local agencies identified by the federal team). The federal team will then lead a discussion involving all participating agencies:

**Participants:** Appointed members of the Citizen Advisory Committee  
Washington, D.C. District Department of Transportation (DDOT)  
Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)  
Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA)  
Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)  
Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT)  
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit (WMATA)  
18 Cities and Counties

**Federal Review Team Members:** FHWA Division and FTA Regional and Metropolitan Office staff.

**Federal Review Team Resource Staff:** FHWA/FTA Headquarters and U.S. DOT/Volpe Center.

## **Day 1 - Monday, September 19th Conference Room 1 - First Floor**

**8:30 a.m. Federal Review Team Meeting**

**10:00 a.m. Introductions and Overview**

- Discussion of FHWA/FTA Certification Process
- Discussion of Major Regional Issues
- Discussion of Findings and Recommendations from the 2002 Certification Review Final Report

Federal Discussion Leader: Sandra Jackson, FHWA D.C. Division  
Tony Tarone, FTA Region III

Resource: William Lyons, U.S. DOT/Volpe Center

**11:45 a.m. Lunch**

**12:45 p.m. Overview of the Transportation Planning Process**

Agreements: Cooperation and Coordination

Organizational structure of MPO

Long Range Transportation Plan

Unified Planning Work Program (input from local participants)

Transportation Improvement Program (input from local participants)

Planning Factors

Federal Discussion Leader: Deborah Burns, D.C. Metropolitan Office  
Charles Goodman, FTA Headquarters  
Harlan Miller, FHWA Headquarters

Resource: William Lyons, U.S. DOT/Volpe Center

**2:15 p.m. Break**

**2:30 p.m. Air Quality Planning, SIP Planning and Conformity Issues**

Federal Discussion Leader: Sandra Jackson, FHWA D.C. Division

Resource: Cecelia Ho, FHWA Headquarters

**4:00 p.m. Adjourn**

## **Tuesday, September 20th COG Board Room - Third Floor**

### **8:30 a.m. Financial Planning and Fiscal Constraint**

Federal Discussion Leader: Federal Team  
Resource: Harlan Miller, FHWA Headquarters

### **10:00 a.m. Break**

### **10:15 a.m. Public Transit and Intermodal Planning**

Federal Discussion Leader: Deborah Burns, D.C. Metropolitan Office  
Resource: William Lyons, U.S. DOT/Volpe Center

### **11:15 a.m. Safety and Security in the Transportation Planning Process**

Federal Discussion Leader: Tony Tarone, FTA Region III  
Resource: William Lyons, U.S. DOT/Volpe Center

Noon Lunch **Conference Rooms 4 and 5 - First Floor**

### **1:00 p.m. Goods Movement/Freight Planning/ITS Regional Architecture**

Federal Discussion Leader: Tony Tarone, FTA Region III  
Resource: William Lyons, U.S. DOT/Volpe Center  
Larry Swartzlander, FHWA Headquarters  
Jocelyn Jones, FHWA Resource Center

### **1:45 p.m. Congestion Management System and Travel Demand Forecasting**

Federal Discussion Leader: Sandra Jackson, FHWA D.C. Division  
Resource: Federal Team

### **2:30 p.m. Land-Use and Transportation Planning**

Federal Discussion Leader: Sandra Jackson, FHWA D.C. Division  
Resource: William Lyons, U.S. DOT/Volpe Center

### **3:15p.m. Break**

### **3:30 p.m. Public Involvement Process, Title VI, Environmental Justice, and ADA**

Federal Discussion Leader: Deborah Burns, D.C. Metropolitan Office  
Resource: Sandra Talbert-Jackson, FHWA MD Division  
William Lyons, U.S. DOT/Volpe Center

### **4:30 p.m. Concluding Remarks/Adjourn**

- Update on Planning requirements of SAFETEA-LU (Charles Goodman, FTA Headquarters)

**Wednesday, September 21st**

**8:30 a.m.** Meeting of Federal Review Team to prepare preliminary observations and close-out issues Conference Rooms 4 and 5 - First Floor

**Noon** Discussion by Federal Team of Certification Review Preliminary Observations