

TPB Technical Committee March 4 Meeting Highlights

March 10, 2016

The Technical Committee met on March 4 in the Walter A. Scheiber Board Room at COG. The following items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda for March 16:

- TPB agenda item 7

The committee was updated on the major projects submitted by transportation agencies. On February 11, the project submissions were released for a 30-day public comment period that will end on March 12. The committee recommended the board approve the project submissions for use in the air quality conformity analysis of the 2016 CLRP and FY 2017-2022 TIP.
- TPB agenda item 8

The committee was briefed on the draft scope of work for the air quality conformity analysis for the CLRP amendment and TIP. The committee recommended that the TPB approve the scope.
- TPB agenda items 9 and 10

The committee was updated on information regarding the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY 2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017). The committee recommended that the TPB approve the resolutions regarding carryover funding and the resolution approving the UPWP itself. The committee was informed that additional funding from the recently enacted FAST Act had been identified for the FY 2017 UPWP and that staff was recommending that this additional funding be used to fully restore DC, MD, VA and WMATA Technical Assistance that had been reduced in the preliminary draft of the UPWP because of a lack of identified new funding. Committee members were pleased to hear that these FY 2017 Technical Assistance budgets could now be fully restored to their prior FY 2016 levels.
- TPB agenda item 11

The committee was updated on the draft Commuter Connections Work Program (UPWP) for FY 2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017). The committee recommended that the TPB approve the CCWP.
- TPB agenda item 12

The committee was updated on the development of draft policy language for inclusion in the National Capital Region Freight Plan. The committee recommended that the TPB receive a briefing on this material.
- TPB agenda item 13

The committee was briefed on the draft Round 9.0 Cooperative Forecasts. The COG board on March 9 is scheduled to approve the forecasts for use in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2016 CLRP Amendment and FY 2017-2022 TIP. The committee recommended that the TPB receive a briefing on this material.

- TPB morning work session

The committee was updated on staff activities related to the Unfunded Capital Needs Working Group, including analysis of a “No-Build” scenario and a proposal to document the project prioritization and selection processes of the TPB’s members jurisdictions. The committee recommended the TPB work session receive these briefings on March 16.

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

- The committee was briefed on recent activity regarding the development of performance measures under MAP-21 requirements for the National Capital Region metropolitan planning area. The committee was also updated on the latest developments regarding US DOT regulations on performance measures.
- The committee was briefed on a proposal to combine the AFA committee with the Human Services Transportation Task Force and on plans for upcoming activities for the committee. The proposal was presented to the Steering Committee in March and will be presented to the TPB in April.
- The committee was briefed by VDOT staff on a resource document to facilitate and streamline the preparation of project-level air quality analyses. The document was created for modelers to ensure that analytical techniques used throughout Virginia are consistent and compliant with regulatory requirements. TPB staff participated in the Virginia Interagency Consultation Group meeting in December where consensus was reached on its content.
- The committee was briefed on a survey that is being conducted by COG staff among all COG jurisdictions on the potential for implementation of the COG staff recommended consensus strategies for greenhouse gas emissions reductions.
- The committee was briefed on the process for selecting projects in Northern Virginia under the Transportation Alternatives Program. A TPB selection panel will recommend TAP projects for TPB approval at the board meeting on April 20.
- The committee was briefed on the April 2016 Street Smart pedestrian and bicycle safety campaign.