

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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Item #5

MEMORANDUM

September 19, 2012

TO: Transportation Planning Board

FROM: Ronald F. Kirby *RFK*
Director, Department of
Transportation Planning

RE: Letters Sent/Received Since the July 18th TPB Meeting

The attached letters were sent/received since the July 18th TPB meeting. The letters will be reviewed under Agenda #5 of the September 19th TPB agenda.

Attachments

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MEMORANDUM

To: National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
From: Nicholas Ramfos, Director, Alternative Commute Programs 
Subject: Federal Transit Administration Notice of Funding Availability under the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program
Date: September 19, 2012

A Notice of Funding Availability was issued in the August 28, 2012 Federal Register by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the FY 2012 Discretionary funding under the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Park Program. COG/TPB staff plans to submit a \$410,000 proposal through its Commuter Connections program. Proposals are due on September 28, 2012 and there is no match requirement.

The project proposal is to provide a one-stop seamless web site and responsive web design for smart phones that will provide access to transportation information related to the national parks in the metropolitan Washington planning area. The purpose of the project is twofold: one is to provide information to three distinct target markets (visitors, the underserved, and active transportation) to allow for alternative transportation access to the national parks, and the other is to alleviate traffic congestion in and around the national parks through the promotion of use of alternative modes.

The information on the web site will include transit, bicycling, pedestrian, and ridesharing options. The web design interface would allow users to enter their origin and destination and will include a GIS based mapping component that would provide visual options to the user. A responsive web design application would accompany the web site and be built and deployed to allow for access to the information through any smart phone device including an iPhone, Android, or Blackberry.

COG/TPB staff will coordinate the project's effort with the National Park Service and collaborate on obtaining existing GIS bicycle and pedestrian data related to access in and around national parks in the region, and concessionaire information on park transit providers. Additionally, coordination would occur with Capital Bikeshare on station locations in and around national parks. COG/TPB staff will also coordinate with its jurisdictional members to reach community groups to provide the underserved population with information on how to access

national parks through the use of alternative modes.

A contractor will be used to develop the search technology, database, web page interface and responsive web page design for smart phone applications. A contractor will also be used to gather all of the database inputs.

COG/TPB staff will be responsible for project development, management and implementation. Collateral materials will be developed in conjunction with the National Park Service and TPB stakeholders. The National Park Service has indicated that they will provide a letter of support for this project.



August 22, 2012

Mr. Todd Turner
Chair
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
777 North Capitol Street, NE, Suite 300
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Dear Chairperson Turner:

Thank you for your August 7, 2012 letter requesting funding support for the Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) FY 2013 Street Smart Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Campaign.

I am pleased to inform you that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) will again provide funding for the campaign, in the amount of \$150,000. Metro views the Street Smart campaign as an important element in our overall pedestrian and bicyclist safety program. It allows us to reach the hundreds of thousands of pedestrians and cyclists in our region with messages to help keep them safe as they use the Metro system every day. All of our public safety efforts depend on our continued ability to educate pedestrians, cyclists, and operators of all types of vehicles.

Your letter specifically requested that Metro inform Ron Kirby of our continued financial commitment by September 15, 2012. By copy of this letter, Metro is committing its support to TPB to continue with the FY 2013 campaign.

We look forward to participating fully in this effort with the TPB and our regional partners. Kristin Haldeman will serve as our contact person and may be reached at 202-962-1848

Sincerely,

Richard R. Sarles
General Manager and
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Ron Kirby, Director – Department of Transportation Planning



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Acting Deputy Secretary

August 13, 2012

Mr. David Robertson
Executive Director
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I am pleased to provide you with the Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) schedule of upcoming annual Capital Program Tour meetings for the Draft FY 2013-2018 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). This year's Fall CTP Tour will allow the Department and modal representatives to visit every county and Baltimore City to present MDOT's Draft FY 2013-2018 Capital Program.

In an effort to save money and help the environment, MDOT will continue to post the Draft CTP online, beginning September 4th at www.ctp.maryland.gov. Copies of the Draft CTP will be available at the Tour meetings and you may request a hard copy or CD in advance of the meeting.

Occasionally changes are made to the meeting schedule, so please refer to our website before the meeting to make sure the date, time or location has not changed. The Tour information can also be found at: www.ctp.maryland.gov. We appreciate your continued cooperation and assistance. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Vicki Schittone in the Office of Planning and Capital Programming at 410-865-1288. I look forward to seeing you this fall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald A. Halligan".

Donald A. Halligan, Director
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

cc: Ms. Vicki Schittone, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, Maryland Department of Transportation

**2012 SCHEDULE
ANNUAL CONSULATION MEETINGS**

Date	County	Time	Location
September 18	Caroline	10:30 a.m.	Caroline County Board of Education, Board of Education's Hearing Room, 204 Franklin Street, Denton, MD 21629
September 24	Harford	2:00 p.m.	The HEAT Center, 1201 Technology Drive, Room 130, Aberdeen, MD 21001-1213
October 2	St. Mary's	1:30 p.m.	Chesapeake Building, Commissioners Meeting Room, 1st Fl. Leonardtown, MD 20650
	Charles	6:00 p.m.	Charles County Government Building, 200 Baltimore Street, LaPlata, MD 20646
October 3	Prince George's	2:00 p.m.	Largo-Kettering Library, 9601 Capital Lane, Largo, MD 20772
October 4	Montgomery	7:00 p.m.	County Office Building, 3rd Fl. Hearing Room, 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850
October 11	Washington	10:00 a.m.	County Administrative Building, Workshop Conference Room, 2nd Fl., 100 W. Washington Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740
	Allegany	3:00 p.m.	County Office Complex, 701 Kelly Road, Room 100, Cumberland, MD 21502
October 12	Garrett	10:00 a.m.	Commissioner's Meeting Room, 203 4th Street, Room 209, Oakland, MD 21550
October 15	Anne Arundel	3:00 p.m.	The Arundel Center, Council Hearing Room, 44 Calvert Street, Annapolis, MD 21401
October 16	Worcester	10:30 a.m.	County Government Center, Commissioners Meeting Room, 1 West Market Street, Room 1101, Snow Hill, MD 21863
	Somerset	2:00 p.m.	County Office Complex, Room 111, 11916 Somerset Ave, Princess Anne, MD 21853
	Wicomico	7:00 p.m.	Youth and Civic Center, 500 Glen Avenue, Flanders 3, 4, and 5 Conference Room, Salisbury, MD 21804
October 18	Baltimore	2:00 p.m.	Old County Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, MD 21204
October 23	Calvert	10:30 a.m.	County Courthouse, Commissioners Hearing Room, 2nd Floor, 175 Main Street, Prince Frederick, MD 20678
October 30	Cecil	1:00 p.m.	Elkton Central Library, 301 Newark Avenue, Elkton MD 21921
	Kent	6:15 p.m.	County Government Center, 400 High Street, Room 100, Chestertown, MD 21620
October 31	Frederick	3:30 p.m.	Winchester Hall, 1st Fl. Hearing Room, 12 E. Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701
November 5	Baltimore City	10:00 a.m.	City Hall, Curran Conference Room, 100 N. Holiday Street, Baltimore, MD 21202
November 8	Howard County	7:00 p.m.	Howard County Government, Banneker Room, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City MD 21043
November 13	Queen Anne's	1:00 p.m.	Liberty Building, Commissioners Hearing Room, 2nd Fl., 107 N. Liberty Street, Centerville, MD 21617
	Talbot	4:00 p.m.	Talbot County Free Library, 100 West Dover Street, Easton, MD 21601
	Dorchester	7:00 p.m.	County Office Building, Room 110, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge MD 21613
November 15	Carroll	1:30 p.m.	County Office Building, Public Hearing Room, 225 N. Center Street, Room 003, Westminster, MD 21157

*Please note that the location in bold has changed from last year's location.

Updated 8/8/12



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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GREGORY A. WHIRLEY
COMMISSIONER

September 7, 2012

Mr. David Robertson
Executive Director
Metropolitan Council of Governments
777 N. Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Robertson:

The Secretary of Transportation and the Commonwealth Transportation Board will again conduct nine 2012 Fall Multimodal Transportation Public Meetings across the state in October and November to give stakeholders the opportunity to review and provide comments on projects and programs to be included in the Fiscal Year 2014-2019 Six-Year Improvement Program (FY14-19 SYIP), including highway, rail and public transportation initiatives. We want to build on the efforts during last year's fall meetings, and it is important that we hear from you and your constituents about those projects you feel are the highest priority for the state's limited transportation funds.

Representatives from all of Virginia's modal agencies – Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Virginia Department of Aviation, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, Motor Vehicle Dealer Board, and Virginia Port Authority – are invited to attend and provide information on current initiatives.

In addition, all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Planning District Commissions (PDCs) are invited to participate in the meetings in their region. Space will be reserved at each meeting location for the respective MPO and PDC staff to display presentation materials regarding regional initiatives and priorities. Please let us know if you will be participating and provide a point of contact so that we can coordinate meeting logistics.

As we did last year, these meetings will consist of an open house format from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. where attendees can review materials produced by agency staff and discuss specific projects or issues. Written comments may also be submitted during this informal session, or they may be mailed or e-mailed until November 30, 2012. Following the open house, an opportunity will be provided for comments from the public and transportation stakeholders with a formal comment session beginning at 6:30 p.m. Attached is the Fall Multimodal Meeting Schedule.

Mr. David Robertson
September 7, 2012
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You are invited to come and speak with our transportation agency representatives. If you cannot attend one of the meetings, you may send your comments to Diane Mitchell, Virginia Department of Transportation, 1401 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219 or e-mail them to Six-YearProgram@vdot.virginia.gov by November 30, 2012. Comments on rail and public transportation may be sent to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation Public Information Officer at 600 East Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond, VA 23219 or e-mail them to drptpr@drpt.virginia.gov.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Joan Morris, our Public Affairs Manager, at (703) 259-1799.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Garrett W. Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "G".

Garrett W. Moore, P.E.
District Administrator
Northern Virginia District

Attachment

Copy: Joan Morris

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
2012 Fall Multimodal Transportation Meeting Schedule

Thursday, October 25 - Hampton Roads

Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA

Monday, October 29 – Fredericksburg

To Be Determined

Tuesday, October 30 – Northern Virginia

Virginia Department of Transportation
District Office Potomac Conference Center
4975 Alliance Drive
Fairfax, VA

Thursday, November 1 – Culpeper

Germanna Community College
Daniel Technology Center
18121 Technology Drive
Culpeper, VA 22701

Monday, November 5 -- Staunton

Augusta Government Center
18 Government Center Lane
Verona, VA 24482

Wednesday, November 7 – Salem

Montgomery Government Center
755 Roanoke Street
Christiansburg, VA

Thursday, November 8 – Lynchburg

Kirkley Hotel and Conference Center
2900 Chandlers Mountain Road
Lynchburg, VA 24502

Wednesday, November 14 – Bristol

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Bristol Convention Center
7005 Linden Drive
Bristol, VA 24202

Thursday, November 15 – Richmond

Virginia Department of Transportation
Central Office Auditorium
1221 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

