

TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights

December 6, 2013

The Technical Committee met on December 6^h at COG. Two items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda for December 18th.

- TPB agenda Item 9

The Committee was briefed on the performance analysis of the 2013 CLRP which was adopted by the TPB on July 17, 2013.

- TPB agenda Item 10

The TPB Regional Transportation Priorities Plan (RTPP) is being developed to identify regional strategies that offer the greatest potential contributions toward addressing regional challenges. The revised final draft RTPP was released for public comment on December 12. The Committee was briefed on comments received to date on a November version, and on proposed revisions for the version of the priorities plan to be released December 12.

Five items were presented for information and discussion:

- The implementing agencies updated the Committee on the projects anticipated to be submitted for inclusion in the 2014 CLRP on December 13. Staff updated the Committee on initial work to develop the financial plan for the 2014 CLRP, and reviewed the challenges of identifying future federal, state and local funding through 2040 necessary for maintaining WMATA in a State of Good Repair. It was determined that more time to discuss and reach agreement to address these challenges will be needed. The Committee recommends that the January release of the project inputs and Air Quality Conformity work scope be changed to February 8. This means that the TPB will be asked to adopt the 2014 CLRP and FY 2015-2020 TIP and conformity assessment on September 18 instead of July 16, 2014.
- The Committee was briefed on the updated list of priority regional bicycle and pedestrian projects recommended for consideration in the FY 2015-2020 TIP by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the TPB Technical Committee.
- On November 19, the Federal Register published a notice of the draft initial designation of the highway Primary Freight Network (PFN), as required by MAP-21, with additional information addressing non-PFN portions of the Interstate System and rural freight corridors. The Committee was briefed on regional considerations regarding the draft PFN, as well as coordination of review and comments by the Federal deadline of January 17, 2014.

- The Committee was briefed on a draft comments letter on the MAP-21 Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) on Transit Safety and State of Good Repair performance provisions. This letter was prepared by TPB staff to specifically comment on the section of the ANPRM that discusses the role of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) in regard to the planning process and setting performance targets for safety and state of good repair for transit providers. The letter endorses keeping things simple and allowing the maximum flexibility in setting either regional targets or individual agency targets, as appropriate to the performance measure. Staff is coordinating with the transit providers in the region to finalize the letter as comments are due to the FTA by January 2, 2014.
- Committee members who worked with Ron Kirby who led the Technical Committee meetings for 26 years shared their remembrances of Ron.

**TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES
ATTENDANCE - December 6, 2013**

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