

TPB Technical Committee September 9 Meeting Highlights

September 15, 2016

The Technical Committee met on September 9 in the Ronald F. Kirby Training Center at COG. The following items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB's July agenda:

- **TPB agenda item 8**

Staff briefed the committee on the highlights from the 2016 State of the Commute Survey, a random sample survey of employed persons in the Metropolitan Washington Region to monitor trends in commuting behavior such as mode shares, telecommuting, and distance traveled, as well as attitudes about commuter assistance services. The survey has been conducted every three years since 2001. Committee members were impressed by the extra efforts that were taken to survey cell phone households and millennials, as well as the survey's focus on telework, including episodic telework and the potential for growth in teleworking.

- **TPB agenda item 9**

Staff briefed the committee on the contents of the TIP and the process for developing it. The committee was also briefed on the TIP Forum, an event required by the federal planning regulations, which is scheduled to take place on September 15 as part of the Citizens Advisory Committee's monthly meeting.

- **TPB agenda item 10**

The committee was updated on plans to brief the board on experiences and mitigation actions being taken by local jurisdictions and WMATA as part of WMATA's SafeTrack work plan.

- **TPB agenda item 11**

Staff briefed the committee on the formal comments submitted by the TPB to the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) in response to proposed rulemaking for Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform. In addition, the committee was briefed on upcoming requirements for setting targets for transit asset management by the region's providers of public transportation and for the metropolitan planning area. Committee members expressed concern about the proposed MPO regulations because of the size and complexity of the TPB region and all the adjacent MPO regions.

- **TPB work session**

Staff briefed the committee on the results of an analysis comparing the system performance of the TPB's Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP) with an "All-Build" Scenario that includes unfunded transportation projects from the plans of the TPB's member jurisdictions (as well as the CLRP). This analysis is part of the ongoing work of the TPB' Long-Range Plan Task Force.

The following item were presented for information and discussion:

- Staff briefed the committee on federal requirements for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) related to Title VI and Environmental Justice (EJ) analysis. The briefing included a description of the TPB's past approach to the EJ analysis of the Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP) and the revised approach, which will include the identification of "Communities of

Concern.” Staff plans to present the “Communities of Concern” to the Technical Committee and the TPB later this year.

- As a follow up to the July presentation on the Congestion Management Process, staff provided additional information with a focus on the revised process for identifying bottlenecks. The remainder of the report is unchanged. The next step for the CMP is to finalize and publish the document.
- Staff briefly described the planned TPB-sponsored conference in the October/November time frame to discuss opportunities for improving traffic incident response.
- Staff from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) briefed the committee on a study of multi-modal congestion in the District that was mandated last year by the DC Council. The study has been conducted to: assess the current state of congestion in the District; collect data that demonstrates average commute times for District residents; recommend strategies for remedying existing congestion problems; and develop one-year, 3-year, and 5-year plans for implementing the recommendations. The study is scheduled to be completed by the end of September.
- The committee was briefed on the current status of the TPB Regional Priority Bus Project, which includes 15 project components being implemented by five project owners under a \$58.8-million TIGER grant administered by FTA.
- Following upon the work of the Multi Sector Working Group (MSWG) on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions, staff briefed the committee on a recently completed survey of the TPB’s member jurisdictions regarding potential strategies for emissions reductions and the next steps.

**TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES
ATTENDANCE – September 9, 2016**

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Gaithersburg -----
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Prince George’s County Anthony Foster
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