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# National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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## Meeting Agenda

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*January 20, 2012 Meeting of the Travel Forecasting Subcommittee*

**Time:** 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

**Place:** Meeting Rooms 4 & 5, 1st Floor, MWCOG,  
777 N. Capitol St., N.E., Wash., D.C., 20002

**Chair:** Bahram Jamei, VDOT

- 9:30 5 min. 1. **Welcome new chair, introductions, and approval of meeting highlights**  
*Mark Moran, COG/TPB staff*  
*Bahram Jamei, Chair*
- 9:35 20 min. 2. **TPB Version 2.3 Travel Model: Status report and final documentation**  
*Ronald Milone, COG/TPB staff*  
At the Nov. 16 TPB meeting, the Ver. 2.3 model became the adopted regional travel model. At the Nov. 18 TFS meeting, the Ver. 2.3 model documentation was released in draft form, for a 30-day review and comment period. Now that the comment period is over, TPB staff is releasing the documentation, consisting of a calibration report and a user's guide, in final form. Staff will discuss the major changes to the documentation, as well as describing the most recent changes to the travel model.
- 9:55 15 min. 3. **Consultant contract for assistance with development and application of the TPB travel demand model: Status of current work activities**  
*Mark Moran, COG/TPB staff*  
The objective of this project, also known as the "scan of best modeling practice" project, is to obtain consultant assistance with the development and application of the TPB travel demand model. TPB staff will discuss the status of the two current task orders:
- #2: Consultant recommendations for improving mode choice modeling in the TPB Ver. 2.3 Travel Model
  - #4: Reducing the time needed to run the TPB Ver. 2.3 Travel Model
- 10:10 15 min. 4. **Consultant contract for assistance with development and application of the TPB travel demand model: TPB staff review of six years of consultant recommendations**  
*Mark Moran, COG/TPB staff*  
Consultant recommendations from this "scanning" project have helped guide the models development program over the last six years (the project is now in its seventh year). However, staff has not issued a formal report documenting TPB comments/reactions to the consultant recommendations. TPB is currently working on such a review and hopes be finished by March. For this presentation, TPB staff will give a status report on the staff review.

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| 10:25 | 10 min. | <p>5. <b>Status of ongoing refinement activities for the Version 2.3 Travel Model</b><br/> <i>Meseret Seifu, COG/TPB staff</i><br/> TPB staff will report on the status of the ongoing refining of the Version 2.3 Travel Model, which includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Refinement of highway network link attribute coding aided by aerial photography, and</li> <li>2. Investigating alternatives for expanding the coverage of observed traffic counts on regional highway network links</li> </ol> |
| 10:35 | 15 min. | <p>6. <b>Status report on Geographically-Focused Household Travel Survey</b><br/> <i>Robert Griffiths, COG/TPB staff</i><br/> Mr. Griffiths will provide a status report on the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 Geographically-Focused Travel Survey and provide some initial results from the Fall 2011 surveys.</p>   |
| 10:50 | 15 min. | <p>7. <b>Demonstration of preliminary Regional Transportation Data Clearinghouse web viewer</b><br/> <i>Charles Grier, COG/TPB staff</i><br/> Mr. Grier will demonstrate the Regional Transportation Data Clearinghouse (RTDC) web viewer that is being developed on the COG/TPB intranet.</p>  |
| 11:05 | 15 min. | <p>8. <b>Round-table discussion</b><br/> <i>Bahram Jamei, Chair</i><br/> An opportunity for subcommittee members to share current activities of interest</p>  |
| 11:20 | 10 min. | <p>9. <b>Other business</b></p>   |
| 11:30 |         | <p>10. <b>Adjourn</b></p>   |

**Next proposed meeting of the TFS:**

- Friday, March 23, 2012, 9:30 AM to 12:00 noon, Rooms 4 & 5, First Floor, MWCOG