

## **ITEM 10 – Action**

April 16, 2014

Briefing on the Requirement that A Portion of Fauquier County, Virginia Now be Included in the in TPB Planning Area, and Approval of a Letter Inviting the County to Join TPB

### **Staff**

**Recommendation:** The Board will be briefed on steps for Fauquier County to join TPB and asked to approve the enclosed letter to Fauquier County inviting it to become a member of the TPB.

**Issues:** None

**Background:** The 2010 Census extended the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area into a portion of Fauquier County, including the Town of Warrenton. Federal MPO planning regulations require that this portion with a population of about 21,000 be included in the metropolitan planning area and that representatives of the area be included in the TPB's transportation planning and programming process.

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**National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board**

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April 10, 2014

Chester W. Stribling  
Chair, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors  
Warren Green Building  
10 Hotel Street, Suite 208  
Warrenton, VA 20186

Dear Chairman Stribling:

I write you on behalf of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) to invite Fauquier County to join the TPB and represent the interests of your citizens residing in the portion of the County recently designated as part of the Washington DC-MD-VA urbanized area in the regional transportation planning process. The TPB is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the metropolitan Washington region and plays an important role as the regional forum for transportation planning and in obtaining federal funding for transportation projects and programs within the Washington DC-MD-VA urbanized area.

The TPB prepares the transportation plans and programs that the US Department of Transportation must approve in order for federal funds to flow to the transportation projects and programs in our urbanized area. Based on the results of the 2010 Census, a portion of Fauquier County, including the Town of Warrenton and areas adjacent to Route 29 northeast of Warrenton has been designated as part of the Washington DC-MD-VA urbanized area. Transportation projects in this portion of the County now must be included in the TPB's Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in order to receive federal funding and the interest of residents of this portion of the County must be represented in the TPB's transportation planning and programming process.

On March 5, 2014, TPB staff and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) staff met with officials from Fauquier County and Town of Warrenton to discuss the federally required planning and programming process and answered questions about the additional considerations and responsibilities that accompany membership in TPB. At this meeting it was noted clear that based on federal guidance, the representation of the residents of this portion of Fauquier County on the TPB and inclusion of transportation projects and programs in the TPB's CLRP and TIP and must be accomplished prior to the next approval of the TPB's CLRP and TIP currently scheduled for October, 2014.

The TPB's transportation planning work program is carried out on July 1 to June 30 fiscal year basis and is funded with 80% federal funds and matched by 10% state funds and 10% local funds. Required local match funding funds from TPB local member jurisdictions are pro-rated

based on population. Local matching funds for Fauquier County membership and participation on the TPB, pro-rated for the 21,000 population residing in the designated urbanized area of the County, would total \$4,000 for FY 2015. Upon joining the TPB, the County will have voting membership on the TPB and may fully participate in all TPB work program activities.

TPB staff is available to brief the Board of Supervisors on the TPB planning and programming process and to answer any additional questions about membership.

We look forward to Fauquier County's membership on TPB and its active participation in the transportation planning for our region.

Should you have specific questions on Fauquier County's TPB membership, please contact Robert Griffiths or Gerald Miller, Acting Co-Directors of Transportation Planning, National Capital Transportation Planning Board at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

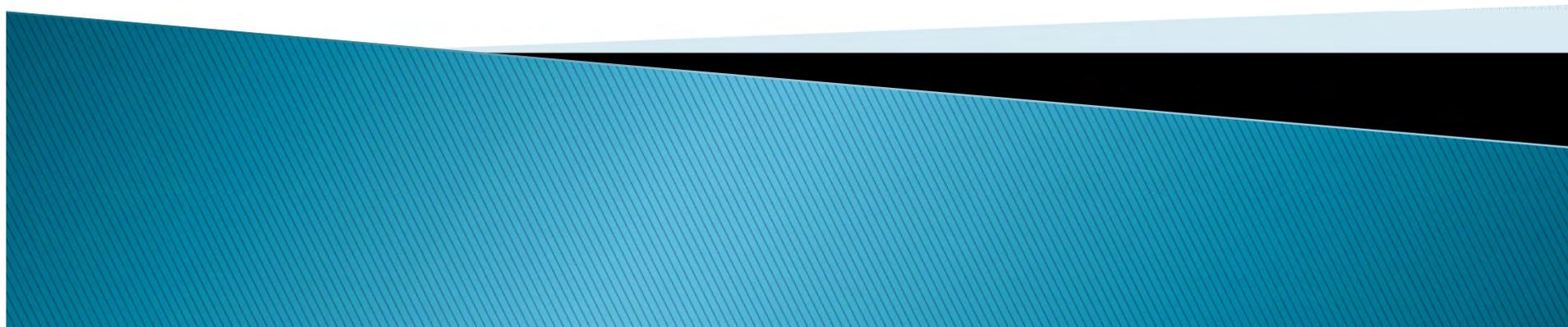
Sincerely,

Patrick Wojahn  
Chair, National Capital Region  
Transportation Planning Board

cc: Robert Griffiths, TPB Acting Co-Director of Transportation Planning  
Gerald Miller, TPB Acting Co-Director of Transportation Planning

# The Washington DC–MD–VA Urbanized Area Fauquier County and TPB Membership

Robert E. Griffiths  
National Capital Transportation Planning Board  
April 16, 2014



# The Washington DC–MD–VA Urbanized Area now includes a portion of Fauquier County, VA

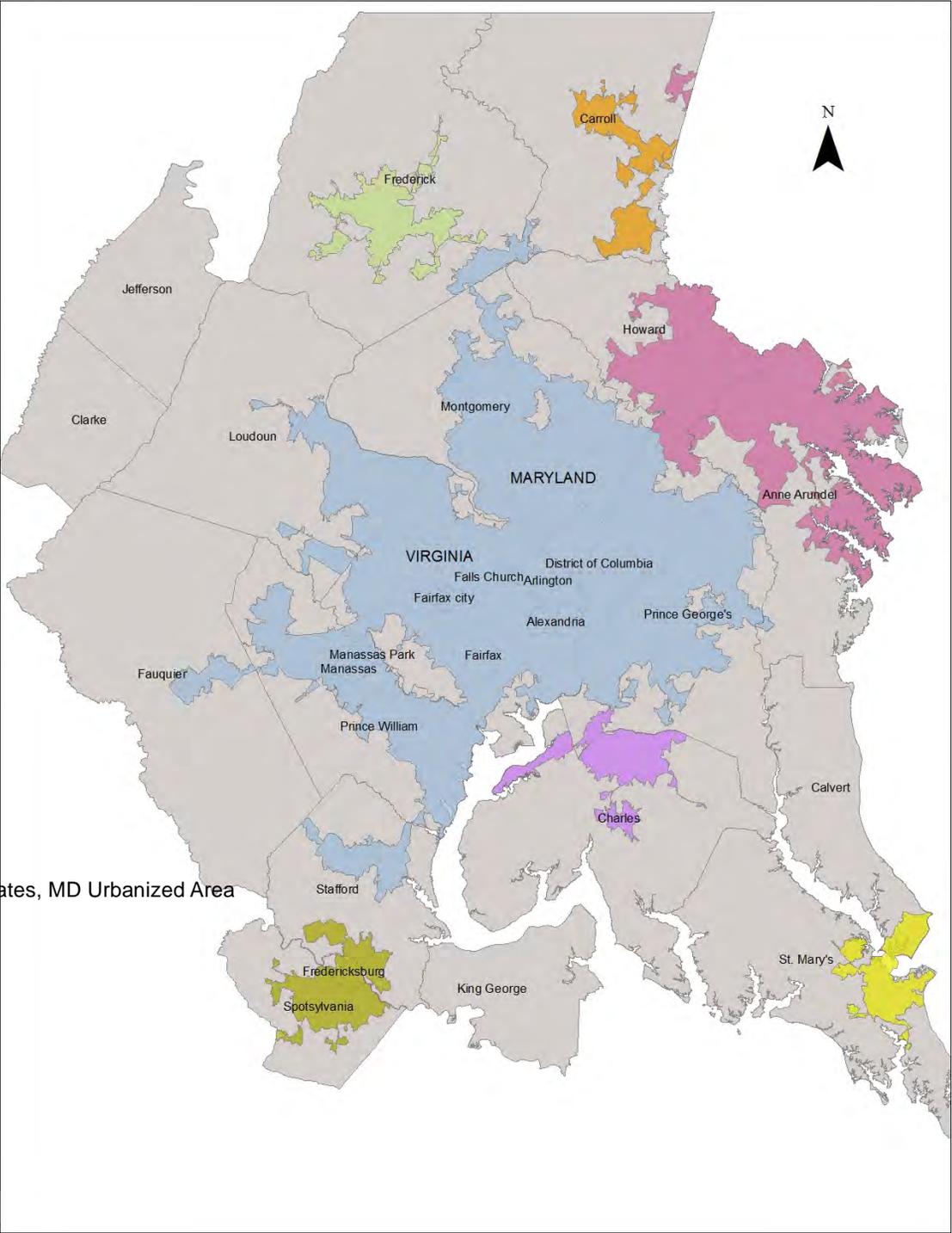
- ▶ The March 27, 2012 Federal Register noted that a portion of Fauquier County, including the Town of Warrenton and areas adjacent to Route 29 northeast of Warrenton, had been designated as part of the Washington DC–MD–VA urbanized area based on results from the 2010 Census.
- ▶ Federal metropolitan transportation planning regulations require that the residents of the newly designated portion of this urbanized area be included in the region's transportation planning and programming process and represented on the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB).
- ▶ Based on published federal guidance, representation of these Fauquier County residents on the TPB must be accomplished prior to the next update of the TPB's Constrained Long Range Plan in October, 2014.

# Map of Census 2010 UZAs in TPB Modeled Area

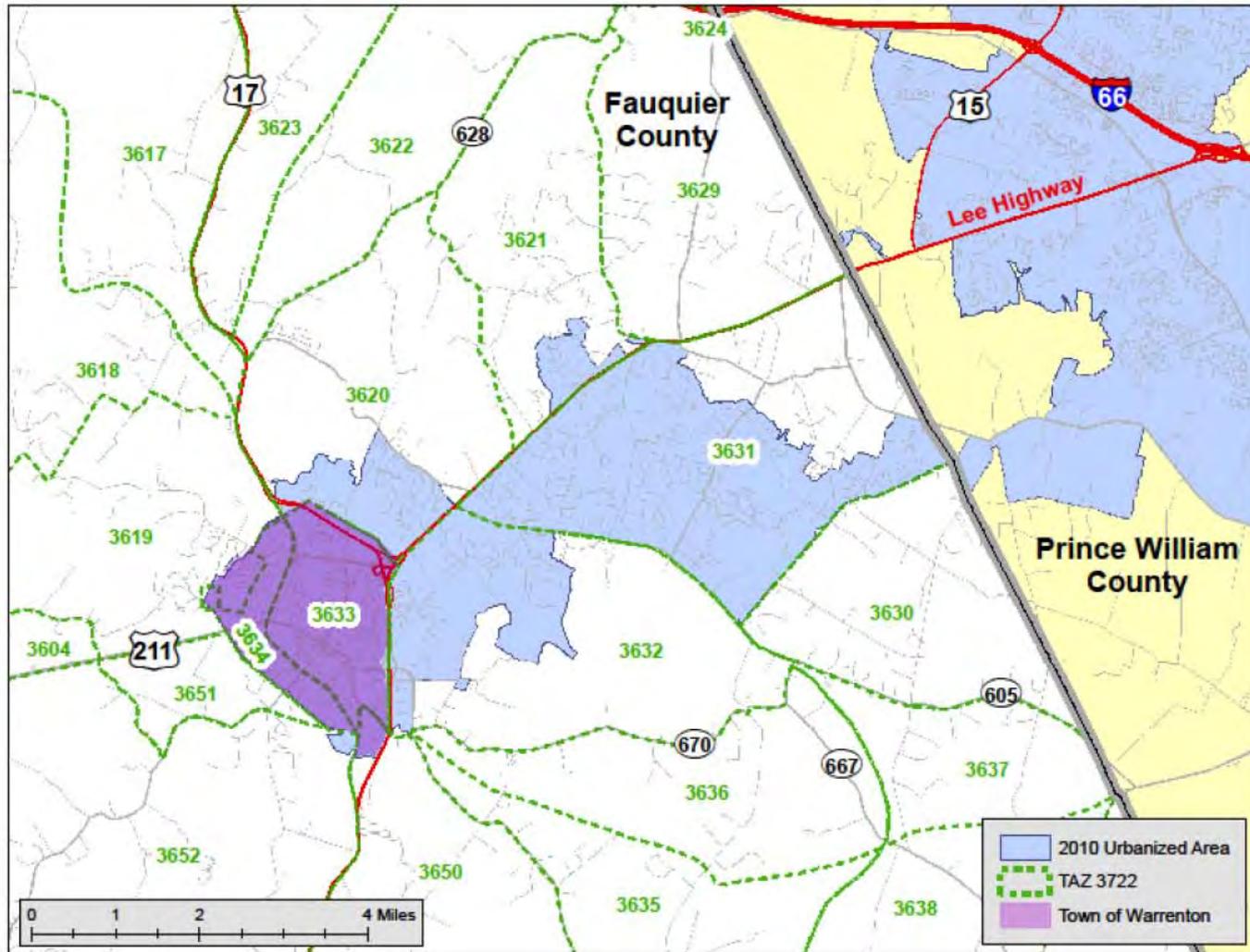
## Legend

2010 Census Urbanized Area

- Washington, DC--VA--MD Urbanized Area
- Frederick, MD Urbanized Area
- Waldorf, MD Urbanized Area
- Fredericksburg, VA Urbanized Area
- Lexington Park--California--Chesapeake Ranch Estates, MD Urbanized Area
- Westminster--Eldersburg, MD Urbanized Area
- Baltimore, MD Urbanized Area
- TPB Modeled Area



# 2010 Washington, DC--VA—MD Urbanized Area: Fauquier County



# Fauquier County and TPB Membership

- ▶ In order to receive federal funding for any transportation projects in areas of Fauquier County/Town of Warrenton that are now designated as part of the urbanized area for the National Capital Region, these projects must be included in the TPB's CLRP and TIP.
- ▶ Transportation and land use planning in these areas of Fauquier County/Town of Warrenton must also be included in the region's transportation planning process.
- ▶ It is thought and believed that the interests of all residents who live in the portion of Fauquier County/Town of Warrenton that is now part of our urbanized area could best be represented on the TPB by an elected official from Fauquier County.
- ▶ It is anticipated that at its April meeting the TPB will formally invite Fauquier County to become a member starting July 1, 2014.
- ▶ Once the County agrees to join the TPB, it will have voting membership on the TPB and may participate in all TPB work program activities.