

ITEM 11 - Information

May 19, 2010

Status Report on “Conversation on Setting Regional Transportation Priorities,” May 26, 2010

Staff

Recommendation: Receive update on the expected attendees and final details for the Conversation on Setting Regional Transportation Priorities.

Issues: None

Background: The Conversation on Setting Regional Transportation Priorities is an invitation-based event including TPB members, TPB Technical Committee members, members of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), and representatives of other committees and subcommittees in the TPB committee structure. It will feature presentations by the TPB Officers and the CAC, followed by interactive discussion of regional transportation challenges and opportunities, and ideas for enhancing the process of setting and implementing regional transportation priorities.

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MEMORANDUM

May 11, 2010

TO: Transportation Planning Board

FROM: Ron Kirby, Director, Department of Transportation Planning

RE: Update on Planning for the "Conversation on Setting Regional Transportation Priorities," May 26, 2010

At its meeting on November 18, 2009, the TPB voted to host an event on regional transportation challenges and opportunities, with a focus on the region's process for setting priorities. This event is called The Conversation on Setting Regional Transportation Priorities, and will occur on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 from noon to 3:30 p.m. in the Thornton Room at the Hyatt Regency (400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, about four blocks from COG's office). This memo provides an update on the planning for this event.

Background and What to Expect:

The Conversation on Setting Regional Transportation Priorities is an invitation-based event for TPB members, TPB Technical Committee members, members of the CAC, and representatives of other committees and subcommittees in the TPB committee structure. Press will also be invited.

The Conversation will feature context-setting presentations and interactive discussion of regional transportation challenges and opportunities, and possibilities for enhancing the process of setting and implementing regional priorities. Peter Shapiro will provide formal facilitation services for a portion of the Conversation. The Conversation will also provide an opportunity to address the Citizens Advisory Committee's recommendation that the TPB should develop a long-range regional transportation priorities plan.

RSVPs for the Conversation were requested by May 7, 2010. To date, 59 RSVPs have been received. The breakdown of Conversation participants is as follows:

- 20 TPB members
- 20 Technical Committee members
- 14 CAC members
- 5 AFA members

The Conversation has been planned to include up to 100 attendees. Additional participants can still be accommodated. TPB staff is hoping that those who have not yet had a chance to RSVP will do so ASAP.

AGENDA

Conversation on Setting Regional Transportation Priorities

Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill

May 26, 2010

- Noon – 12:15** **Registration**
- 12:15 – 12:45** **Working Lunch and Opening Remarks**
The Honorable David Snyder, Chairman, TPB
- Buffet lunch to be provided
- 12:45 – 1:15** **Overview of Regional Transportation Challenges & New Opportunities**
This presentation will be shared by the three TPB officers: David Snyder, Todd Turner and Muriel Bowser.
- **Where We've Been, Where We Are Today**
David Snyder
Background on regional goals, accomplishments and realities.
 - **What We Are Currently Doing in Pursuit of Our Regional Goals**
Todd Turner
Brief overview of what the TPB is doing to pursue regional goals, along with an assessment of future trends.
 - **The Emerging Policy Context and Opportunities**
Muriel Bowser
The TPB is being called upon to conduct more expanded long-range planning activities in a changing policy context. Given severe funding constraints and other pressures, how do we provide a planning framework that both fulfills our regional goals and is realistic?
- 1:15 – 1:25** **Recommendation to Develop a Regional Transportation Priorities Plan**
Presentation by CAC Chair Maureen Budetti
The TPB's Citizens Advisory Committee has recommended that the TPB develop a regional transportation priorities plan that would identify unfunded priority projects and provide a big-picture context for understanding the TPB's Constrained Long-Range Plan.
- 1:25 – 1:30** **Setting the Stage for a Conversation**
Peter Shapiro

1:30 – 2:45

How Do We Move Forward?

Interactive Round Table Discussions

- Each table will engage in a focused conversation based off of one guiding question and 3 accompanying questions that will be provided in a hand-out to each participant.
- Each table-top conversation will include a discussion leader (member of the TPB) who will ensure that the group stays on task.
- Each table will have a designated scribe (TPB staff member). The scribe is charged with recording salient points of the conversation, and will not participate in the conversation.

2:45 – 3:00

Break

- Participants break and have refreshments
- Scribes synthesize salient points and deliver to Chairman Snyder.

3:00 – 3:30

What Have We Heard and Where are we going?

Concluding comments by David Snyder

- Chairman Snyder reports back salient points in plenary session, invites comments and discussion from the participants, and offers concluding remarks and next steps.

Event Logistics

1. Registration/set-up
 - Badge
 - Name plates
 - Assign attendance at tables to ensure “mixing” of jurisdictional representation as well as TPB members, Tech Committee members, CAC, and other TPB Committees/Subcommittees
 - Separate area for press and members of the public
2. Copies of all PowerPoints, latest Region magazine to be provided
3. Buffet lunch provided before the session begins. Attendees encouraged to introduce themselves at their assigned tables. During the session coffee, tea, soft drinks, snacks will be provided at a table in an outside room.

Planning Schedule

- March 10 – 11 Review by TPB chair
Inform, seek comments from TPB officers
- March 11 Review outline at CAC meeting
Seek discussion on CAC presentation
- March 17 Announce date, time, invitations at TPB
- April 12 Planning Team convenes
- April 14 Invitations sent out via email
- April 15 Discuss CAC presentation at CAC meeting
- May 7 Participant RSVPs due
- May 7 Review PowerPoint presentations of TPB Officers at Tech Committee
- May 13 Final review of CAC presentation at CAC meeting, briefing provided of PowerPoint presentations of TPB Officers
- May 19 Update to TPB on agenda & RSVPs received
- May 26 Event
- June 16 Report results of Conversation at TPB Meeting