

TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights

September 7, 2007

The Technical Committee met on Friday, September 7 at COG. Five items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda on September 19.

- TPB agenda Item 9

The Committee was briefed on the proposed mission and membership for the establishment of a TPB Task Force to provide policy guidance for the Regional Mobility and Accessibility Scenario Study (RMAS).

- TPB agenda Item 10

The Committee was briefed on the Access for All (AFA) Advisory Committee report describing the committee's comments on projects in the CLRP and its continuing concerns and recommendations.

- TPB agenda Item 11

Staff briefed the Committee on the evaluation of the 2007 Spring campaign of the Regional "Street Smart" Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Education Program and on the status of funding and planning for the Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 campaigns.

- TPB agenda Item 12

The Committee reviewed the draft Participation Plan and recommended that it be released for a 45-day public comment period at the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on September 13. After the public comment period ends, the Board will be asked to approve the Participation Plan at its November 14 meeting.

- TPB agenda Item 13

The Committee was briefed on the Draft Call for Projects and a proposed accelerated schedule for the Air Quality Conformity Assessment for the 2008 Financially Constrained Long- Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and FY 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TPB will be asked to approve the final call for projects and schedule at the October 17 meeting.

Seven items were presented for information and discussion:

- Staff briefed the Committee on a preliminary evaluation of the Transportation/Land Use Connections (TLC) Pilot Program. This preliminary evaluation utilized survey responses from the technical assistance project managers and agency stakeholders, as well as from the consultants that performed the assistance for the five projects.
- Staff updated the Committee on development of TPB responses to the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) resolutions presented to the TPB on September 20, 2006, which present its policies with respect to the allocation and sharing of FTA formula funds for the Washington

urbanized area. Staff reviewed a revised draft letter to FAMPO outlining potential TPB responses and recommendations on each of the FAMPO policies. The Committee agreed to continue discussions at the October 5 meeting.

- The Committee reviewed an initial draft of the FY 2008-2013 TIP. The Committee was also briefed on a public meeting on the TIP to be held in conjunction with the CAC meeting on October 11.
- The Committee was briefed on a request from its Regional Bus Subcommittee to identify funding for a region-wide on-board bus survey. WMATA has funding to contract for a survey of Metrobus riders in its Compact area in Spring 2008. The Regional Bus Subcommittee has determined that it would be desirable to identify sources of funding in order to survey the riders on the local bus systems in the entire region at the same time as the Metrobus survey. The Committee was receptive to the subcommittee's request, and asked TPB staff to present a proposed amendment to the FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to identify funding to conduct this survey at the October 5 meeting.
- Staff briefed the Committee on a revised structure for documenting the 2007 CLRP on the TPB web page. The revised structure includes the elements and projects in the plan, the development and participation process for the plan, and how the plan meets the final US DOT transportation planning regulations that became effective July 1, 2007.
- Federal transportation planning regulations require that the metropolitan planning organization (MPO), the states and the public transportation operators have a written agreement that identifies their responsibilities for carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process. The Committee received a draft memorandum of understanding (MOU) that the TPB, the state DOTs and the public transit operators will be asked to sign. The TPB will be briefed on the draft MOU at its October 17 meeting.
- The update on air quality planning activities was deferred until the October 5 meeting.

**TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES
ATTENDANCE - September 7, 2007**

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