



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, September 20, 2017
12:00 - 2:00 P.M.
Walter A. Scheiber Board Room

MEETING NOTE

The TPB meeting will be immediately followed by a meeting of the TPB's Long-Range Plan Task Force. The meeting will take place from 2:15 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. in the Board Room.

AGENDA

- 12:00 P.M.** **1. PUBLIC COMMENT ON TPB PROCEDURES AND ACTIVITIES**
Bridget Donnell Newton, TPB Chairman
- Interested members of the public will be given the opportunity to make brief comments on transportation issues under consideration by the TPB. Each speaker will be allowed up to three minutes to present his or her views. Board members will have an opportunity to ask questions of the speakers, and to engage in limited discussion. Speakers are encouraged to bring written copies of their remarks (65 copies) for distribution at the meeting.
- 12:20 P.M.** **2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 19, 2017 MEETING**
Bridget Donnell Newton, TPB Chairman
- [Minutes from the July 19, 2017 Meeting](#)
- 12:25 P.M.** **3. REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**
Tim Davis, TPB Technical Committee Chairman
- [Technical Committee Highlights](#)
- 12:30 P.M.** **4. REPORT OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Jeremy Martin, TPB Citizens Advisory Committee Chairman
- 12:40 P.M.** **5. STEERING COMMITTEE ACTIONS AND REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**
Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director
- This agenda item includes Steering Committee actions, letters sent/received, and announcements and updates.
- [Steering Committee Actions and Report of the Director](#)
- 12:45 P.M.** **6. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**
Bridget Donnell Newton, TPB Chairman

ACTION ITEMS

12:50 P.M. 7. APPROVAL OF PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FY 2018 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET ASIDE PROGRAM FOR MARYLAND TPB JURISDICTIONS

John Swanson, TPB Transportation Planner

A portion of the federal Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Program (also referred to as the Transportation Alternatives Program) is sub-allocated to the TPB for project selection in Maryland. The board will be briefed on the projects recommended by a technical review panel for funding as part of the FY 2018 project solicitation conducted by the Maryland Department of Transportation, and asked to approve the recommended projects.

Action: Adopt Resolution R2-2018 to approve projects for funding under the Federal Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Program for Maryland for FY 2018.

- [Approve projects for funding under the MD TAP FY18 program](#)
- [Presentation - Approve projects for funding under the MD TAP FY18 program](#)

1:00 P.M. 8. COMMENTS TO US EPA AND US DOT ON PROPOSED RECONSIDERATION OF GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) STANDARDS FOR LIGHT DUTY VEHICLES

Jane Posey, TPB Transportation Engineer

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking comment on a proposed reconsideration of GHG standards for model year 2022-2025 light duty vehicles. In January 2017, EPA completed a required mid-term evaluation of the rule established in 2012, and published a Final Determination keeping the standards in place. In March 2017, EPA announced its intention to reconsider the Final Determination, and on August 21, 2017, published a request for comment on the reconsideration. The board will be briefed on the proposed reconsideration, and asked to approve a joint TPB/MWAQC/CEEPC comment letter urging the EPA to stand by its January 12, 2017 Final Determination and maintain the existing GHG standards promulgated in 2012.

Action: Approve Joint TPB/MWAQC/CEEPC Comment Letter for Transmission to US EPA and US DOT.

- [Approve joint TPB/MWAQC/CEEPC comment letter for transmission to US EPA and DOT](#)

INFORMATION ITEMS

1:10 P.M. 9. VISUALIZE 2045 CONSTRAINED ELEMENT: SOLICITATION OF INPUTS AND AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS

Lyn Erickson, TPB Plan Development and Coordination Program Director

The Visualize 2045 Constrained Element will identify all regionally significant transportation investments the region can demonstrate we can afford between now and 2045. Federal law requires that this collection of projects and programs be analyzed to ensure that future vehicle-related emissions remain below approved regional limits. The board will be briefed on the process, schedule, and

requirements for the Air Quality Conformity Analysis. The board will also be asked for feedback on a draft solicitation document (previously known as the Call for Projects) asking agencies to submit projects, programs, and policy updates for inclusion in the Constrained Element of the plan and the federally required Air Quality Conformity Analysis. The board will be asked to approve the final solicitation document at its October 18 meeting.

- [Visualize 2045 Constrained Element: Draft Technical Inputs Solicitation](#)
- [Presentation - Visualize 2045: Solicitation of Inputs, Air Quality Conformity Analysis, Financial Element, Public Outreach](#)

1:20 P.M. 10. VISUALIZE 2045 FINANCIAL ELEMENT: STATUS REPORT

Eric Randall, TPB Transportation Engineer

The board will be briefed on the development of the Visualize 2045 Financial Element, which is a requirement of the major four-year plan update. The Financial Element must demonstrate that sufficient revenues are reasonably expected to be available to build, maintain, and operate the transportation system spelled out in the Constrained Element of the plan.

- [Visualize 2045 Financial Element status report](#)

1:30 P.M. 11. VISUALIZE 2045 PUBLIC OUTREACH: SUMMARY OF PHASE 1 ACTIVITIES

Ben Hampton, TPB Transportation Planner

Over the summer, staff carried out a public input survey aimed at gathering general attitudes and opinions about transportation in the region. The purpose of the survey was to inform ongoing conversations about regional transportation needs and priorities that will be taking place as part of the development of Visualize 2045. The board will be briefed on the outreach efforts staff undertook to promote the survey and encourage survey participation.

- [Visualize 2045 Public Outreach: Summary of Phase 1 activities](#)

1:40 P.M. 12. CRITICAL URBAN FREIGHT CORRIDORS

Jon Schermann, TPB Transportation Planner

The board will be provided an overview of designating Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFC), including the TPB's new role in CUFC designation under the FAST Act, the anticipated process and schedule for TPB designation of CUFCs later this year, and the TPB Steering Committee's June 2 approval of provisional designation of CUFCs for the Maryland portion of the National Capital Region.

- [Critical Urban Freights Corridor](#)
- [Presentation - Critical Urban Freights Corridor](#)

NOTICE ITEM

1:50 P.M. 13. BRIEFING ON THE DRAFT AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS OF THE VDOT AND MDOT OFF-CYCLE AMENDMENT TO THE 2016 CLRP

Jane Posey, TPB Transportation Engineer

At the April 19, 2017 TPB meeting, the board acted to initiate an air quality conformity analysis for an off-cycle amendment to the 2016 CLRP for several

Maryland Department of Transportation and Virginia Department of Transportation projects. The board will be briefed on the results of the draft air quality conformity analysis, which were released for public comment on September 14. The TPB will be asked to approve the off-cycle conformity analysis and 2016 CLRP Amendment at its October 18 meeting.

- [Memo - Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the VDOT and MDOT off-cycle Amendment to the 2016 CLRP Amendment](#)
- [Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the VDOT and MDOT off-cycle Amendment to the 2016 CLRP Amendment](#)
- [Presentation - Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the VDOT and MDOT off-cycle Amendment to the 2016 CLRP Amendment](#)

2:00 P.M. 14. ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2017.

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