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VIA REGULAR MAIL

Mr. Ron Kirby
Director of Transportation Planning
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
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Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Mr. Kirby:

We are writing on behalf of our clients, the Audubon Naturalist Society and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, with regard to the updated model Version 2.1D #18. By this letter we are requesting that you provide to our consultant some basic information connected with the public release of travel model Version 2.1D #18 so that we may fully participate in the public process associated with this analysis. The following is the information requested:

- 1) A complete set of documentation, with full model set-ups, data inputs, and validation results for 1994, 2000, and for 2030;
- 2) All networks, inputs, controls, support and script files, and software to run the sub-models and accomplish the four-step model along with a calibration report and users guide specific to the new version of this model;
- 3) Any information you may have comparing the 2.1D #16 and 2.1D #18 models; including, but not limited to, documents supporting the technical adjustment to the Base Year and Forecast Employment for Certain Jurisdictions in the TPB Modeled Area and documents identifying the specific K factors which have been eliminated and/or dampened in the 2.1D #18 model;
- 4) All specifications you may presently have for transit improvements and toll lane networks for the Regional Mobility and Access Study, including the related computerized highway and transit network input files and any other related model

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set -ups and data inputs used in conjunction with those analyses, and your assessment of when additional information on these proposals will become available, if it is not currently available;

- 5) We are formally repeating our request for your assurance that you will provide us with notification of any further modifications to the 2.1D #18 model in the upcoming months while the ICC project is pending.

Additionally, we request the information provided the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) on the Inter County Connector (ICC) project in preparation for 2004-2009 Air Quality Conformity Analysis. Specifically, this information includes "...alignments, number of lanes, a managed facility concept employing tolls and specification on bus service." Further, we request any information on interchange configuration and transit for the ICC project that TPB expected MDOT to provide shortly after the April 21, 2004 TPB meeting. (See Minutes of the Transportation Planning Board, April 21, 2004 at page 13).

If you have any questions about these requests, we encourage you to call us so that your response to these requests can be prepared as soon as possible. Please send your response to our clients' consultant, whose name and address is listed below:

Norman Marshall
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Thank you for your prompt response to this request.

Sincerely,



Amy L. Horner

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cc: Norman Marshall

