

Background

In accordance with the directives of the *FY 2003 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Metropolitan Region*, the Washington Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee has identified the attached list of bicycle and pedestrian projects as priorities for inclusion in the FY 2004-2009 TIP.

The Subcommittee developed the priority list using the following criteria:

- **Bicycle Network Connectivity:** priority was given to projects that enhanced connectivity of facilities on the regional bicycle facilities network.
- **Pedestrian Safety:** priority was given to projects that promoted pedestrian safety, especially in areas with documented pedestrian safety problems and no pending road project that could address them.
- **Access to Transit:** priority was given to projects that enhanced access to Metrorail stations and other major transit stops or facilities.
- **Time Frame:** all projects should be able to be completed by 2009, the end of the TIP time frame.
- **Local Support:** the project is a priority for the jurisdiction or jurisdictions in which it is located.
- **Still seeking funding:** the project does not yet have full construction funding committed to it.
- **Reasonable Cost:** the total cost of the list should be a reasonable fraction of the total spending in the region on highways and bridges. Staff estimates that the total cost of the attached project is less than one percent of the total funding of the first year of the TIP.

Some of the projects included on the list have appeared in previous TIPs as being funded for only partial amounts, usually for study only or for initial phases of a multi-phase project.

The Subcommittee's last priority list was presented to the TPB in 2000. Eight of the eleven projects in the 2000 list received funding, for a total of \$17,568,000 allocated out of \$19,253,000 recommended.

The Subcommittee sees this short list as a very modest investment in bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the Washington region. In trying to reach the adopted goals of the TPB vision and the regional bicycle plan, the Subcommittee supports the funding of bicycle and pedestrian projects over and above this list. In addition, the Subcommittee encourages the inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in all transportation projects as recommended in policy guidance by the U.S. DOT.