# LONG RANGE PLAN TASK FORCE: 2040 "NO BUILD" ANALYSIS

#### **Preliminary Summaries**

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## Long Range Plan Task Force: Background

Objective:

To improve the performance outcomes of the regional long range plan (LRP)

Identify a <u>limited set</u> of currently unfunded multi-modal projects with the greatest potential to improve regional system performance that the TPB can champion for inclusion into the Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP)



### Long Range Plan Task Force: Background

#### Approach: Three phases over three years

- I: Develop a Baseline Report (FY 2016)
- II: Develop a list of Unfunded Regional Priority Projects (FY 2017)
- III: Incorporate Unfunded Priority Projects into the LRP (FY 2018)



#### Phase I: Develop a Baseline Report Analysis of different 2040 futures

- 2040 "No Build" scenario assumes projected growth in demand (population and employment) but <u>no</u> future capital improvements ✓
- 2040 "Planned Build" scenario assumes growth in demand and includes capital improvements assumed in the current (2015) CLRP ✓
- 2040 "All Build" scenario assumes growth in demand and capital improvements in the current (2015) CLRP, <u>plus</u> all of the currently unfunded capital improvements inventoried by the TPB staff



### **Baseline: No Build Scenario**

- 2040 Population and Employment (Round 8.4 Cooperative Forecasts)
- 2015 Transit and Highway Networks (no capital improvements)
  - Includes:
    - Metro Silver Line Phase 1 (VA)
    - VRE Spotsylvania Station (VA)
    - H St. / Benning Road Streetcar (DC)
    - Roadway lane repurposing for bicycle use (DC)
    - ICC (I-270 to Route 1 in MD)
    - Capital Beltway HOT lanes (Springfield to North of Tysons in VA)
    - I-95 HOT lanes (Edsall Road to VA 610 in VA)



## **Baseline: Planned Build Scenario**

- 2040 Population and Employment (Round 8.4 Cooperative Forecasts)
- 2040 Highway and Transit Networks
- 7% more lane miles of roadway, and 14% more miles of rail / streetcar transit
- \$27 billion dedicated to highway expansion and \$15 billion to transit expansion
- Project details, including maps: <u>https://www.mwcog.org/clrp/resources/KeyDocs\_2015.asp</u>



## **Technical Analysis:**

#### Unlike the CLRP performance analysis

- CLRP Performance Analysis focuses on <u>current</u> and <u>future</u> scenarios:
  - Base: 2015 (CLRP)
  - Build: 2040 (CLRP)
- The Long Range Plan Task Force Analysis focuses on <u>two future</u> scenarios:
  - Base: 2040 No Build
  - Build: 2040 (CLRP)
- Long Range Plan Task Force Analysis evaluates impacts of transportation system improvements in CLRP while holding land use constant



#### CLRP vs No Build: Key Findings What Does the CLRP Do?



- Transit usage increases
- Access to jobs by transit and auto improves
- Congestion and vehicle hours of delay decrease
- Vehicle miles traveled per capita increase slightly
- Emissions do not change significantly



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## **CLRP vs No Build: Transit Usage**



2040 Daily Person Trips for All Purposes (in Millions)

• Daily transit person trips increase; single driver person trips decrease



## **CLRP vs No Build: Transit Usage**



- Share of transit work trips increases; share of single driver work trips decreases
- Share of transit trips for all trip purposes remains unchanged



### **CLRP vs No Build: Jobs Accessibility**

• CLRP increases the number of jobs accessible within 45 minutes by automobile and transit



Accessibility by Auto (2040)



Accessibility by Transit (2040)



# CLRP vs No Build: Change in Auto Access to Jobs

 CLRP increases access to jobs by auto throughout the region, with largest increases in accessibility taking place in the I-66 Corridor Outside of the Beltway





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#### **CLRP vs No Build: Change in Transit Access to Jobs**

- CLRP increases access to jobs by transit throughout the region
- Increase in the I-66 Corridor Outside of the Beltway with addition of new express bus services
- Increase in Blue / Yellow line corridor in Virginia with addition of Potomac Yards Station





### **CLRP vs No Build: Roadway Congestion**

 Peak hour congested lane miles and VMT on congested roadways decrease





### **CLRP vs No Build: Roadway Congestion**

• Share of total congested lane miles and share of VMT on congested roadways decrease











#### CLRP vs No Build: Geographic Differences in Congested Lane Miles

Percent Change in AM Peak Hour Congested Lane Miles



• Congested lane miles in AM Peak decrease in each geographic subarea, with largest decreases occurring in Inner and Outer Suburbs



# CLRP vs No Build: Geographic Differences in VMT on Congested Roads

Percent Change in <u>AM Peak Hour</u> VMT on Congested Roadways



• VMT on congested roadways in AM Peak decreases in each geographic sub-area, with largest reductions occurring in Inner and Outer Suburbs



### **CLRP vs No Build: Vehicle Hours of Delay**

• Vehicle hours of delay are reduced





#### **CLRP vs No Build: Geographic Differences** in Vehicle Hours of Delay

Percent Change in <u>Daily</u> Vehicle Hours of Delay (VHD) by Geographic Sub-Area



• Daily vehicle hours of delay decline in each geographic sub-area, with largest reductions taking place in Inner and Outer Suburbs



#### CLRP vs No Build: Vehicle Miles Traveled per Capita

- Daily VMT and VMT per capita increase by 2% in CLRP relative to No Build
- Increased congestion with No Build results in shorter trip lengths and reduced VMT





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#### **CLRP vs No Build: Mobile Source Emissions**

• Very small change in emission levels (within 1%)

#### UCN Emission Comparisons: Planned Build (CLRP) Vs. No Build

| Pollutant*                           | No Build     | Planned Build (CLRP) | Δ          | %Δ           |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------|--------------|
| Direct PM2.5                         | 724.8        | 720.1                | -4.6       | -0.6%        |
| PM 2.5 Precursor NOx                 | 8,036.1      | 8,111.3              | 75.2       | 0.9%         |
| Ozone Season VOC<br>Ozone Season NOx | 19.1<br>20.2 | 19.1<br>20.4         | 0.0<br>0.2 | 0.0%<br>1.0% |
| Winter CO                            | 121.3        | 121.9                | 0.6        | 0.5%         |
| CO2e                                 | 17.5         | 17.7                 | 0          | 0.9%         |

\* Direct PM2.5 and PM2.5 Precursor NOx in tons/year

\* Ozone season VOC and NOx, and Winter CO in seasonal tons/day

\* CO2e in millions of metric tons/year



# Key Findings: What Does the CLRP Do?

- Increases daily transit person trips (5%) and share of transit work trips (1%)
- Decreases daily single person auto trips (1%) and share of single person auto work trips (1%)
- Reduces roadway congestion vehicle hours of delay (17%), VMT on congested roadways (14%), share of congested VMT (6%) and share of congested lane miles (4%)
- Increases accessibility to jobs by auto (13%) and transit (14%) within 45 minutes during morning commute
- Increases total VMT and VMT per capita by 2%
- Emission estimates in CLRP change very slightly and are within 1% of No Build estimates



### What Does This Mean?

- Investments in highway and transit capacity in the CLRP lead to:
  - Significant reductions in congestion relative to No Build
  - Increased transit usage
- System-wide expansion of highway and transit infrastructure leads to sizeable increases in accessibility to jobs
- Reduced congestion due to improvements in system performance results in a slight increase in VMT
- Changes in travel patterns, modes and conditions yield little change in emissions of criteria pollutants and greenhouse gas (CO2e) emissions



#### **Next Steps**

• Staff will continue with input preparations for All-Build scenario



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