

Meeting Highlights: TPB Technical Committee, January 5, 2018

The Technical Committee met on January 5, 2018 in the Walter A. Scheiber Board Room at COG. The following items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB's January 17 agenda:

- **TPB agenda items 8 and 9**

The committee was updated on the process for approving the project submissions for the constrained element of Visualize 2045, the long-range plan scheduled for approval in October of 2018. On December 20, 2017 the submissions were released for a 30-day public comment period that was scheduled to end on January 13, 2018. At its January meeting, the TPB will be briefed on comments received and will be asked to approve the project submissions. Following that approval, the new projects will be included in the air quality conformity assessment that will be conducted this spring.

As part of this agenda item at the Technical Committee meeting, staff from MDOT made a presentation about the projects from the Traffic Relief Plan that were submitted for the constrained element of Visualize 2045. This presentation generated considerable discussion among Technical Committee members.

- **TPB agenda item 10**

Staff provided a briefing on highway safety targets required under the federally required performance-based planning and programming (PBPP) process. Under that process, the region is required to adopt highway safety targets for the National Capital Region, consistent with the target setting approaches of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. The TPB will be asked to approve final targets at its January 17 meeting. An explanation was given as to why one target actually was higher than current conditions.

- **TPB agenda item 11**

Staff provided a status report on the 2017 solicitation for grant applications under the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. COG is the designated recipient of funding under this program for the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. The committee was briefed on the 2017 solicitation which was conducted from August 14 to November 3, 2017, and on the status of the competitive selection process. At its January 17 meeting the TPB will be asked to approve funding recommendations.

- **TPB agenda item 12**

Staff briefed the committee on revisions to the package of pedestrian and bicycle initiatives that have been identified for inclusion in the unfunded aspirational element of Visualize 2045. The package will feature two components: 1) the National Capital Trail and 2) high-capacity transit station access improvements. Changes were made to the draft document as a result of Technical Committee comments at the previous meeting. The TPB will be asked to endorse the initiatives at its January 17 meeting.

- **TPB agenda item 12**

Staff provided a briefing on an outline and preliminary budget for the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019). A complete draft of the FY 2019 UPWP will be presented to the TPB for review at its February 21 meeting.

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

- **Long-Range Task Force Next Steps**

Staff informed the committee that the TBP at its meeting on December 20 approved the set of five initiatives that had been recommended by the Long-Range Task Force. In the coming months, the initiatives will be woven into the development of Visualize 2045. In addition, the TPB and staff will be working with member jurisdictions to identify methods for moving the initiatives toward implementation.

- **PBPP Letters of Agreement**

The committee was briefed on the requirement in the new federal planning regulations for agreement and written documentation of federal performance based planning and programming (PBPP) responsibilities. State DOTs, MPOs, providers of public transportation and any National Highway System (NHS) asset owner must sign an agreement; the latter two categories apply to almost every jurisdiction in the region. Staff are proposing a Letter of Agreement (LOA) for the TPB to sign with each individual DOT, agency, or jurisdiction, depending upon the functions carried out by each body. Comments were requested on the draft LOA by the end of the month.

- **MDOT Presentation on Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP)**

Staff from the Maryland State Highway Administration briefed the committee on the TAMP, which state DOTs are required to develop under the federal performance based planning and programming rule. The TAMP is a plan to manage pavement and bridge assets across the state, considering conditions, lifespan, financial resources, and risks. The deadline for developing the TAMP is June 30, 2019. State DOTs must submit initial plans describing asset management plan processes by April 30, 2018. The District DOT and Virginia DOT are working on similar plans, which may be briefed to the committee at future meetings.

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