

# **National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board**

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## **MEETING NOTICE**

Date: May 19, 2010

Time: 12 noon

Place: COG Board Room

**Meeting of the TPB Scenario Task Force:** From 10:30 to 11:45 am, the task force will meet in the **COG Board Room** to review the final results of the "What Would it Take?" Greenhouse Gas Reduction Scenario, and to discuss future TPB scenario planning activities.

## **A-G-E-N-D-A (BEGINS PROMPTLY AT NOON)**

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| 12 noon  | 1. | <b>Public Comment on TPB Procedures and Activities</b> ..... Chairman Snyder  |
|          |    | 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 asked to bring written copies of their remarks (65 copies) for distribution at the meeting. |
| 12:20 pm | 2. | <b>Approval of Minutes of April 21 Meeting</b> ..... Chairman Snyder  |
| 12:25 pm | 3. | <b>Report of Technical Committee</b> ..... Mr. Verzosa<br>Chair, Technical Committee  |
| 12:30 pm | 4. | <b>Report of Citizen Advisory Committee</b> ..... Ms. Budetti<br>Chair, Citizen Advisory Committee  |
| 12:40 am | 5. | <b>Report of Steering Committee</b> ..... Mr. Kirby<br>Director, Department of<br>Transportation Planning (DTP)   |
| 12:45 pm | 6. | <b>Chairman's Remarks</b> ..... Chairman Snyder   |



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**ACTION ITEMS**

- 12:50 pm 7. **Review of Comments Received and Approval of Project Submissions for the Air Quality Conformity Assessment for the 2010 Financially Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and FY 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

.....Mr. Kirby

At the April 21 meeting, the Board was briefed on the major project changes submitted for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment for the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP which were released for a public comment period that ended May 16. The Board will be briefed on the comments received and recommended responses, and asked to approve project submissions for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment for the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP.

**Action:** Adopt Resolution R22-2010 to approve project submissions for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment for the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP.

- 12:55 pm 8. **Approval of Scope of Work for the Air Quality Conformity Assessment for the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP**

..... Ms. Posey, DTP

At the April 21 meeting, the Board was briefed on the draft scope of work for the air quality conformity assessment for the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP, which was released for a public comment period that ended May 16. The Board will be briefed on the comments received and recommended responses, and asked to approve the scope of work for the air quality conformity assessment for the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP.

**Action:** Approve the enclosed scope of work for the air quality conformity assessment for the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 1:00 pm 9. **Update on the TPB Regional Priority Bus Project under the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program, and Briefing on the “TIGER II” Grant Program Announced on April 26**

.....Mr. Kirby

Over the past two months, TPB staff has worked closely with FTA and the agencies responsible for implementing the Regional Priority Bus Project components under the \$58 million TIGER grant to meet initial grant requirements. The Board will be updated on these requirements, which include FTA approval of project scopes, schedules and budgets by May 15. On April 26, USDOT released in the *Federal Register* the Interim Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for \$600 million in discretionary surface transportation grant funding. Because the requirements of the new program are quite similar to the TIGER

Program, it is referred to as "TIGER II." The Board will be briefed on the key features of this new grant program.

1:10 pm 10. **Briefing on the Final Results for the "What Would It Take?" Greenhouse Gas Reduction Scenario**

..... Ms. Bansal

The "What Would It Take?" scenario starts with goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions for 2030 and beyond and examines how such goals might be pursued in the transportation sector through different combinations of three major strategies: increasing fuel efficiency, reducing the carbon-intensity of fuel, and improving travel efficiency. The Board will be briefed on the final results from the analysis of this scenario. These results will be presented to COG's Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) at its May 26 meeting.

1:25 pm 11. **Status Report on "Conversation on Setting Regional Transportation Priorities," May 26, 2010**

.....Mr. Kirby

The Conversation on Setting Regional Transportation Priorities is an invitation-based event including TPB members, TPB Technical Committee members, members of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), and representatives of other committees and subcommittees in the TPB committee structure. It will feature presentations by the TPB Officers and the CAC, followed by interactive discussion of regional transportation challenges and opportunities, and ideas for enhancing the process of setting and implementing regional transportation priorities. The Board will be updated on the expected attendees and final details for the meeting.

1:30 pm 12. **Briefing on Proposed Response to the Request by Martz National Coach for Federal Assistance for Commuter Bus Service between Fredericksburg and Washington DC**

..... Mr. Kirby

In the enclosed letter of January 21, 2010, Martz National Coach has requested TPB support for its proposal to direct FTA Section 5307 funding for bus procurement, preventive maintenance, or capital cost of contracting for its commuter bus service between Fredericksburg and Washington, DC. The Board will be briefed on the request and on a proposed TPB response.

1:40 pm 13. **Briefing on the Strategic Plan for the Management, Operations, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (MOITS) Program**

.....Mr. Andrew Meese, DTP

The Board will be briefed on the Strategic Plan for MOITS developed by a consultant team and staff. The Strategic Plan identifies MOITS-related projects or actions for future consideration by regional stakeholders, and will help guide upcoming MOITS committee activities.

**NOTICE ITEM**

- 1:50 pm     14.     **Notice of Proposed Amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to Update Project Information on Use of New Federal Funding for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)**  
.....Mr. Bottigheimer

On November 6, 2009, the TPB Steering Committee approved an amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to include up to \$150 million per year in new federal funding beginning in FY 2011. Notice is provided that WMATA has requested an amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to update information on the use of the funds for a number of projects including system safety improvements, rail car replacement, track maintenance, and system infrastructure rehabilitation. The Board will be asked to approve this amendment at the June16 meeting.

- 1:55 pm     15.     **Other Business**

- 2:00 pm     16.     **Adjourn**

2 hours

Lunch will be served to Board members and alternates at 11:30 am