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Ms. Amy L. Horner

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Dear Ms. Horner:

In your letter of March 23, 2004 you requested information about the public release of Version 2.1D travel model. I am responding to each of the eight specific requests you made, as follows:

- On April 8, 2004 I transmitted to your consultant, Mr. Norman 1) Marshall, the first draft of the Version 2.1D model which has been released to the public, including model set-ups, data inputs, and results for 1994, 2000, and 2030. A copy of the transmittal letter to Mr. Marshall is attached.
- 2) Highway and transit networks, input, control, support and TP+ script files and software were transmitted to Mr. Marshall, along with documentation of changes from the Version 2.1C model.
- 3) Future build networks involving the ICC are being analyzed as part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process currently being conducted by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). On April 21, 2004 the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is scheduled to decide whether to include two proposed "build" alternatives in the air quality conformity analysis for the 2004 amendments to the Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and the FY2005-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Specifications for these two "build" alternatives were provided to the TPB under Item 11 of its March 17, 2004 meeting agenda, along with a letter from MDOT explaining the relationship between the EIS process for the ICC and the TPB's 2004 CLRP and FY2005-2010 TIP process.
- Detailed comparisons between the 2.1C and 2.1D models can 4) be made based on the materials transmitted to Mr. Marshall on April 8, together with materials for the Version 2.1C

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model which were transmitted to Mr. Marshall on September 16, 2003.

- 5) Questions concerning the travel modeling activities being conducted for the MDOT's EIS for the ICC should be directed to MDOT.
- 6) Questions concerning the travel modeling activities being conducted for MDOT's ongoing studies of the proposed Purple Line should be directed to MDOT.
- 7) Materials related to the Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study are posted by meeting date on the TPB's web site www.mwcog.org/transportation. (Click on "Meetings and Events", "Joint Technical Working Group for the Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study", and "Documents"). The next meeting of the Joint Technical Working Group for this study will be held from 12 noon to 2 pm on Friday, April 16. The results of analyzing the first set of networks coded for this study (the "CLRP Plus") will be presented at this next meeting. I encourage you or your representative to attend this April 16 meeting to obtain the latest information on progress to date and planned activities for this study.
- 8) Up-to-date information on further modifications to the Version 2.1D model will be posted on the TPB web-site, and presented at the regular bi-monthly meetings of the TPB's Travel Forcasting Subcommittee.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding these responses to your requests.

Attachment

Sincerely,

Ronald F. Kirby Director, Department of Transportation Planning

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Dear Mr. Marshall:

This letter transmits the following information in response to the letter request of March 23, 2004, from Ms. Amy L. Horner of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, LLP:

Draft highway and transit networks, input, control, support and TP+ script files and 1. software to run the demographic sub-models and accomplish trip generation, trip distribution, mode choice and trip assignment using the COG/TPB Travel Forecasting Model Version 2.1D (DRAFT # 16), for three time periods for the simulation years of 1994, 2000 and 2030. The data are contained on a CD-R labeled "CGV2.1D_16X".

Please note that generic file names are used in these model runs, so it is recommended that data for each simulation year be kept in separate directories.

- 2 A copy of the following document:
 - A memorandum to the files by Ron Milone, dated April 8, 2004, titled a. "Transmittal of Version2.1D (DRAFT # 16) Model".

If there are any questions concerning Version 2.1 D (DRAFT # 16), please contact Mr. Ron Milone of my staff at (202) 962-3283.

Sincerely,

Ronald F. Kirby

Director, Department of Transportation Planning

Mr. Ron Milone, COG/DTP cc:

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