## Regional Bus Subcommittee: Purpose and Objectives

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## Planning Activities and Products

#### Data

Cordon Counts/HOV Monitoring Congestion Monitoring Analysis Travel Surveys and Analysis Data Clearinghouse

#### **Technical Assistance**

Maryland
Virginia
District of Columbia
WMATA

#### **Methods**

Network Development
GIS Technical Support
Models Development
Software Support

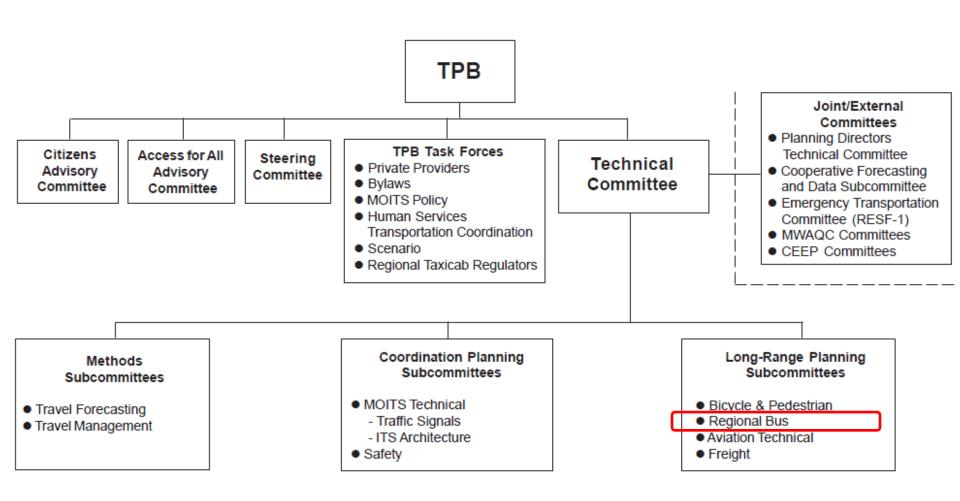
#### **Technical Products**

Air Quality Conformity
Mobile Emissions Analysis
Continuous Airport System &
Planning
Coordination of Cooperative
Forecasting and Transportation
Planning
Regional Studies

Transportation Improvement Program
Constrained Long Range Plan
Plan Support Coordination and Program

### **TPB Committees**

#### **TPB Committee Structure**



#### **Coordination and Programs**

- Congestion Management Process (CMP)
- Management, Operations, and ITS Planning
- Transportation Safety Planning
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning
- Regional Bus Planning
- Human Service Transportation Coordination
- Freight Planning

#### Forecasting Applications

- Air Quality Conformity
- Mobile Emissions Analysis
- Regional Studies

#### Development of Networks and Models

- Network Development
- GIS Technical Support
- Models Development
- Software Support

#### **Travel Monitoring**

- Cordon Counts
- Congestion Monitoring and Analysis
- Travel Surveys and Analysis, Household Travel Survey
- Regional Trans Data Clearinghouse

#### Technical Assistance

#### **Continuous Airport Systems Planning**

# Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Activities

#### Plan Support

- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP)
- Financial Plan
- Public Participation
- Private Enterprise Participation
- Annual Report
- Transportation/Land-Use Connections Program
- DTP Management

## UPWP – Regional Bus Planning

Provide support to the Regional Bus Subcommittee for the **coordination of bus planning** throughout the Washington region, and for incorporating regional bus plans into the CLRP and TIP.

- 1. Continued review and refinement of the recommendations of the **Regional Bus Study** completed in 2002, and development of a priority list of near term service implementation strategies for inclusion in annual operations budgets.
- 2. Coordination and evaluation of **CLRP and TIP** proposals and amendments with regard to bus transit service plan implementation.
- 3. Coordination and input definition for the TPB regional travel forecasting model.
- 4. **Technical advice and input** regarding regional transportation and land use coordination, including the development of transit assumptions for TPB planning studies.
- 5. Facilitation of **technology transfer** and **information sharing**, as it relates to regional, state and local bus transit services.

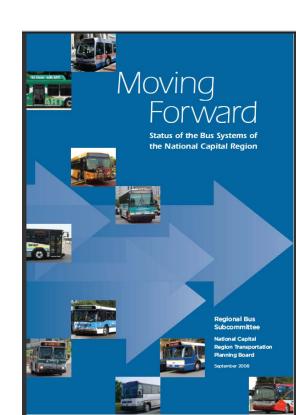
- **6.** Coordination with other regional committees regarding bus transit participation in planning and training activities, including the:
  - Regional Emergency Support Function (RESF) #1 at COG,
  - associated regional transit operators group.
- 7. Coordination with the **TPB MOITS**(Management, Operations, and Intelligent
  Transportation Systems) Policy Task Force and
  MOITS Technical Subcommittee regarding
  integrated planning for bus services and street
  operations.
- 8. Coordination with **Commuter Connections** regarding ridesharing facilities and joint promotional messages.
- 9. Coordination with the TPB **Private Operators Group** to strengthen the alliance between public and private interests.
- 10. Coordination with the **TPB Access for All Committee** to enhance regional mobility for all populations.

## Activities of the RBS

- Transit Operator Presentations
- Discussion of "Unconstrained" Transit Plan
- Discussion of Current Budget Situations
- Identifying Opportunities for Better Integration
- Illustrating Out-Year Bus Transit in the CLRP
- Informed TPB Studies, including:
  - TIGER Priority Bus Grant Application (2009)
  - Aspirations Scenario study (2008-2009)
  - Priority Bus Guidelines (in progress)

## Recent Products of the RBS

- Status Report on Bus Systems (Feb 2008)
- Moving Forward Brochure (Sep 2008)
- Regional Priority Projects
   Summary (Dec 2008)
- Transit System Overview (Sep 2010)



## Regional Bus Priority Projects Summary (2008)

Memo to TPB summarizing top projects needed in following areas:

- Funding
- Expansion and New Service
- Regional Congestion Points
- Other Capacity restrictions
- Bus Stops
- Other Passenger Facilities
- Regional Marketing and Customer Information
- Bus Service Integration

## September Meeting – Roundtable Discussion

- Forum on Real Time Passenger Information
- Compile Regional Transit Needs Information
- Review Infrastructure Needs and Impact of Congestion
- Share information via Listserv / Forum
- RBS Strategic Plan
- "Top 10" Regional projects
- Activities of TPB and committees
- Clarify Role & Responsibilities of RBS vs. JCC, RTOG

## **Future Work Activities**

- Update Moving Forward Brochure
  - Also produce a Status Report?
- New Regional Bus Priority Projects list
  - Inform TPB Priorities Plan Scoping Task Force
  - Inform TPB Long-range planning, including CLRP and revised Aspirations Scenario
- Technical Session on Real-Time Passenger Information