

## Meeting Highlights: TPB Technical Committee September 2017

The Technical Committee met on September 8, 2017 in the Ronald F. Kirby Training Center at COG. The following items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda:

- **TPB agenda item 7**

TPB staff briefed the committee on projects recommended for funding under the FY 2018 Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Program for Maryland's TPB Jurisdictions. Staff explained that a portion of the funding from this federal program is sub-allocated to large MPOs, such as the TPB, for project selection in Maryland and the TPB's other state-level jurisdictions. The TPB will be asked to approve the recommended projects at its September meeting.

- **TPB agenda item 13**

TPB staff briefed the committee on the process for conducting and approving the air quality conformity analysis for the VDOT and MDOT off-cycle amendments to the 2016 Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP). Staff said that on April 19, 2017, the board acted to initiate an air quality conformity analysis for an off-cycle amendment for several Virginia and Maryland projects. The results of the air quality conformity analysis were scheduled to be released for public comment on September 14. The TPB will be asked to approve the off-cycle conformity analysis and 2016 CLRP Amendment at its October 18 meeting.

- **TPB agenda items 9-11**

TPB staff briefed the committee on activities related to the development of Visualize 2045 long-range transportation plan:

- **Public outreach:** The first phase of public outreach, which was conducted over the summer, focused on a public opinion survey. Staff conducted outreach for this survey which was aimed at gathering general attitudes and opinions about transportation in the region. More than 6,000 responses were received through an open survey and a random sample.
- **Solicitation of inputs and air quality conformity analysis:** The committee was briefed on the process, schedule, and requirements for the air quality conformity analysis, which is required under federal law to show that future vehicle-related emissions are forecast to remain below approved regional limits.
- **Financial element:** The results of an initial analysis of available revenues was shared with the committee. The long-range plan's financial element must demonstrate that sufficient revenues are reasonably expected to be available to build, maintain, and operate the transportation system spelled out in the Constrained Element of the plan.

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

- **Long-Range Plan Task Force Status Report:** Staff and the project consultant said that the TPB has accepted 10 initiatives, consisting of projects, programs, and policies, for further analysis. The committee received a briefing on assumptions and inputs selected for use for analysis, as well as the tools and methods in use; and was asked to provide feedback on proposed performance measures.
- **Project Prioritization at the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority:** The Technical Committee has been receiving presentations every month on how different funding agencies in the region

prioritize projects for funding in the CLRP and TIP. This month's meeting featured a presentation from NVTA.

- **Performance-Based Planning and Programming: District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Highway Safety Update:** DDOT staff presented their MAP-21/FAST highway safety performance targets and the methodology used to set them.
- **Performance-Based Planning and Programming: MPO Area Draft Regional Highway Safety Targets:** TPB staff briefed the committee on the MAP-21/FAST federal requirements for regional highway safety performance targets and present draft targets for the National Capital Region that are consistent with the target setting approaches of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.
- **Proposed New Conformity Mobile Budgets for Ozone:** Staff informed the committee that the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) has approved the release for public comment of the draft 2008 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) redesignation request and maintenance plan. The maintenance plan includes motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs or mobile budgets) which will be used in conformity analyses after the budgets are approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The committee was briefed on the implications of these new mobile budgets.
- **TPB Comment Letter:** Staff also discussed EPA's proposed reconsideration of greenhouse gas (GHG) standards for Light-Duty Vehicles, and introduced a draft comment letter for the TPB's consideration. The letter recommends that EPA retain the standards. Staff informed the group that MWAQC and CEEPC also planned to comment, and suggested that the letter might be a joint TPB/MWAQC/CEEPC letter. The Committee had until Tuesday September 12 to let staff know of any concerns regarding including the letter for TPB's consideration.
- **National Capital Trail Update:** Staff informed the committee that the TPB's Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee in July approved a list of projects needed to complete, upgrade, or enhance access to the National Capital Trail, a circumferential bicycle route around the core of the region.

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ATTENDANCE – September 8, 2017**

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Prince William County Trent Berger  
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