

TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights**May 1, 2009**

The Technical Committee met on May 1 at COG. Seven items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda on May 20.

- TPB agenda Item 7

The Committee was updated on the status of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded projects under consideration by the DOTs. The TPB will be asked to amend the FY 2009-2014 TIP to include additional ARRA funded projects at its May 20 meeting.

- TPB agenda Item 8

The Committee was briefed on the status of work for the conformity analysis of the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP, including new mobile emission rates based upon the composition of the vehicle fleet in July 2008. The conformity assessment, draft plan, and draft TIP are scheduled to be released for public comment on June 11.

- TPB agenda Item 9

The Committee was briefed on the recurring congestion observed by the latest aerial survey of the regional freeway system during the morning and afternoon peak periods in Spring 2008, and on changes in congestion locations and durations since the surveys of 2002 and 2005.

- TPB agenda Item 10

Staff briefed the Committee on additional travel results from the 2007/2008 Regional Household Travel Survey.

- TPB agenda Item 11

The Committee was updated on the development of a potential regional Priority Bus Project and the planning for a one-day conference on priority bus transit to be held on June 24.

- TPB agenda Item 12

MDOT staff briefed the Committee on a request that the TPB initiate the process to amend the 2009 CLRP to include the Purple Line light rail project in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, and on the schedule for incorporating the project into the 2009 CLRP.

- TPB agenda Item 13

DDOT staff briefed the Committee a request that the TPB initiate the process to amend the 2009 CLRP to include the transportation components associated with the new "Return to L'Enfant" development on air rights over I-395. The key transportation components of the development include closure of the I-395 Southbound Exit Ramp to 3rd Street NW, the reconfiguration of the Southbound

Entrance and Northbound Exit Ramps, and the reconnection of F and G Streets NW between 2nd and 3rd Streets. G Street NW will be open only for pedestrians and bicycles.

Three items were presented for information and discussion:

- The Committee was briefed on the continuing trial phase activities of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination (MATOC) Program. Full MATOC implementation is scheduled for July 1.
- The Committee was briefed on current Green House Gas (GHG) emissions work activities, including the final baseline mobile source CO2 inventory and draft analysis of emissions reductions strategies in the COG Climate Change Steering Committee Report. The results of this work will be incorporated into the TPB's "What Would It Take?" Scenario on GHG reductions from mobile sources in the Washington region.
- Staff briefed the Committee on proposed activities to improve the visibility of freight in the 2010 update of the CLRP and to engage freight stakeholders in the region through the TPB Freight Subcommittee.

One item was deferred until the June meeting:

- A briefing on the EPA's Draft Motor Vehicle Simulation Model (MOVES), which will eventually be used instead of the MOBILE 6 model to compute mobile source emissions for assessing air quality conformity.

**TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES
ATTENDANCE - May 1, 2009**

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 Ronald Mitchell

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City of Frederick Tim Davis
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Montgomery Co. Gary Erenrich
Prince George's Co. Vic Weissberg
Rockville -----
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 Prince George's Co. Faramarz Mokhtari
MDOT Lyn Erickson
 Shiva Shrestha

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Arlington Co. Dan Malouff
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Fairfax Co. Tom Biesiadny
Falls Church -----
Loudoun Co. Arthur Smith
Manassas -----
Prince William Co. Monica Backmon
NVTC -----
PRTC Anthony Foster
VRE -----
VDOT Kanathur Srikanth
VDRPT David Awbrey
NVPDC -----
VDOA -----

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NPS -----
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Harry Sanders, Purple Line Now
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