

TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights September 9, 2011

The Technical Committee met on September 9 at COG. Seven items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda on September 21.

- TPB agenda Item 7

The Committee was briefed on the recommended local projects for the TPB's FY 2011 TIGER application to implement pedestrian and bicycle access improvements in rail station areas throughout the region. The Board will be asked to approve the recommended projects and pre-application for submission by October 3. The Board will be asked to approve the final application package at its October 19 meeting for submission by October 31.

- TPB agenda Item 8

The Committee was briefed on the national Rail~Volution conference to be held in Washington DC October 16-19. The conference program has over 75 sessions, mobile workshops, networking events, and charettes.

- TPB agenda Item 9

The Committee was briefed on the Phase I recommendations to improve governance at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) by the Governance Work Group (GWG) appointed by the Governors of Maryland and Virginia and the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

- TPB agenda Item 10

Staff of the DC Office of Planning briefed the Committee on the final report of the Housing and Transportation Cost Study for the Washington Metropolitan Area prepared by the DC Office of Planning and the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT).

- TPB agenda Item 11

The Committee was briefed on the purpose and schedule of a new Household Travel Survey to be conducted this fall and spring in fourteen geographic subareas of the region.

- TPB agenda Item 12

Staff briefed the Committee on the schedule and activities to date for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funded study to investigate issues related to the public acceptability of road-use pricing in the Metropolitan Washington Region.

- TPB agenda Item 13

The Committee was briefed on the draft call for projects document and schedule for the air quality conformity assessment for the 2012 CLRP and FY 2013-2018 TIP. The Board will be asked to approve the final call for projects document at its October 19 meeting.

Three items were presented for information and discussion:

- At the June 15 TPB meeting, the CAC requested that the TPB develop and approve a Regional Policy on Complete Streets and that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee take the lead in developing this policy. The Committee was briefed on the Subcommittee's draft policy, which is scheduled to be reviewed in October by the TPB Access for All Committee and the Regional Bus Subcommittee. The draft policy is scheduled to be presented to the Technical Committee, CAC and TPB in November.
- The "CLRP Aspirations" scenario, completed and reported to the TPB in September 2010, integrates a regional network of toll lanes and bus rapid transit with more concentrated growth in mixed-use activity centers. The Committee was briefed on the results of a sensitivity test of the scenario that analyzes the impact of a lower-cost "streamlined" variably priced lane network with less new construction and more conversion of general purpose lanes to variably priced lanes.
- At the July 8 meeting, the Committee was briefed on an amendment to the 2012 UPWP budget to reflect changes in new FY 2012 funding and adjustments in the unobligated FY 2010 funding provided by DDOT, MDOT and VDOT. The Committee was also briefed on amendments to implement the recommendations and corrective actions included in the federal certification report on the transportation planning process for the Washington DC-VA-MD Transportation Management Area. The Committee was updated on these amendments to the FY 2012 UPWP, which will be presented to the TPB for approval at its October 19 meeting.

**TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES
ATTENDANCE - September 9, 2011**

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Charles County -----
Frederick Co. Ronald Burns
City of Frederick -----
Gaithersburg -----
Montgomery Co. Gary Erenrich
Prince George's Co. Vic Weissberg
Rockville -----
M-NCPPC
 Montgomery Co. -----
 Prince George's Co. -----
MDOT Lyn Erickson
MTA -----
Takoma Park -----

VIRGINIA

Alexandria Pierre Holloman
Arlington Co. Dan Malouff
City of Fairfax Alexis Verzosa
Fairfax Co. Mike Lake
Falls Church -----
Loudoun Co. -----
Manassas -----
Prince William Co. Monica Backmon
NVTC -----
PRTC Nick Alexandrow
VRE Christine Hoeffner
VDOT Kanathur Srikanth
VDRPT Anthony Foster
NVPDC -----
VDOA -----

WMATA

WMATA Mark Kellogg

FEDERAL/OTHER

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FHWA-VA -----
FTA Melissa Barlow
NCPC -----
NPS -----
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Elena Constantine, DTP
Eric Randall, DTP
Ben Hampton, DTP
Deb Bilek, DTP
Jim Yin, DTP
Yu Gao, DTP
Daniel Son, DTP
Erin Morrow, DTP
Sunil Kumar, DEP

Other Attendees

Randy Carroll, MDE
Matthew Zych, WMATA
Rick Rybeck, Just Economics LLC
Marti Ann ReinFeld, DDOT
Bruce Gartner, MDOT
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