

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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MEMORANDUM

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To: Members of the Cooperative Forecasting Subcommittee

From: Charlene Howard, DTP

Subject: Finalization of new COG/TPB Transportation Analysis Zone structure

I want to thank the members of the Cooperative Forecasting Subcommittee for all of your hard work and effort in developing the new Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) structure for the TPB Modeled Area. This new zone system will almost double in number, from roughly 2,000 zones to approximately 3,600 zones. The new zone structure also pays special attention to existing and emerging activity centers, those both regional and local in scale, as well as the location of planned public transportation facilities. This new zone structure will enable us to respond to the requests by local officials serving on the TPB and other COG Committees for more detailed analysis of future travel to, from and within these activity centers.

As a result of coordination with jurisdictions in the TPB Modeled Area and in-house technical work, we currently have an almost final version of the new TAZ structure. Because of several activities in the TPB work program leading up to a major update of the region's fiscally constrained long range transportation plan (CLRP) in 2010, we need to have the final version of the new COG/TPB TAZ structure in place in mid-January. Development and coding of new more detailed regional highway and transit networks that will be built upon the new TAZ structure is scheduled to begin the 3rd week of January and this work will take approximately six months to complete.

I would like the jurisdictions who are satisfied with the new zone structure that they have already submitted to us to e-mail me their final sign-off at charlene@mwkog.org this week. For jurisdictions with small corrections or revisions to the new zone structure for their jurisdiction, I would like to have these final revisions e-mailed to me by 22nd December. For jurisdictions still working on some major revisions to the new zone structure for their jurisdiction we would like to have their final submittal by the 16th January 2009, if possible. Further, if there is anything that I or other COG/TPB staff can do to assist you with the finalization of the new TAZ structure for your jurisdiction, please let me know.