

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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Date: September 18, 2013

Time: 12 noon

Place: COG Board Room

Meeting of the TPB Bus on Shoulder Task Force: From 10:30 to 11:45 am, the task force will meet in **Room 1** on the first floor. In September 2012, the TPB established a task force to identify promising locations in the region to operate buses on the shoulders of highways. To conclude the work of the task force, TPB staff will present a draft final report for review and approval by the task force.

AGENDA (BEGINS PROMPTLY AT NOON)

- 12 noon 1. **Public Comment on TPB Procedures and Activities**
.....Chairman York
- Interested members of the public will be given the opportunity to make brief comments on transportation issues under consideration by the TPB. Each speaker will be allowed up to three minutes to present his or her views. Board members will have an opportunity to ask questions of the speakers, and to engage in limited discussion. Speakers are asked to bring written copies of their remarks (65 copies) for distribution at the meeting.
- 12:20 pm 2. **Approval of Minutes of July 17 Meeting**
.....Chairman York
- [Minutes of July 17, 2013](#)
- 12:25 pm 3. **Report of Technical Committee**
..... Ms. Erickson
Chair, Technical Committee
- [Technical Committee Meeting Highlights](#)
- 12:30 pm 4. **Report of the Citizen Advisory Committee**
.....Mr. Still
Chair, Citizens Advisory Committee
- 12:40 pm 5. **Report of Steering Committee**
..... Mr. Kirby
Director, Department of
Transportation Planning (DTP)
- [Steering Committee Actions](#)
 - [Letters Sent/Received](#)
- 12:45 pm 6. **Chair's Remarks**
.....Chairman York

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ACTION ITEM

- 12:50 pm 7. **Amendment to the FY 2013-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that is Exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to Include Funding for the Construction of a Replacement Interchange on MD 4 at Suitland Parkway and for the Reconstruction of US 1 in College Park, as Requested by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)**

..... Ms. Erickson
 At the July 17th meeting, notice was provided that MDOT had requested an amendment to include funding in the FY 2013-2018 TIP for the replacement of an at-grade intersection at MD 4 and Suitland Parkway with a grade-separated interchange and for the reconstruction of US 1 between College Avenue and Sunnyside Avenue in College Park. The Board will be asked to approve this amendment to the FY 2013-2018 TIP.

Action: Adopt Resolution R7-2014 to approve an amendment to the FY 2013-2018 TIP to include funding for the MD 4/Suitland Parkway interchange and US 1 reconstruction project.

- [Amendment to the FY 2013-2018 TIP Requested by MDOT](#)

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 12:55 pm 8. **Briefing on the Results of the 2013 State of the Commute Survey for the Metropolitan Washington Region**

..... Mr. Ramfos, DTP
 Every three years since 2001, Commuter Connections has conducted a random sample survey of employed persons in the Metropolitan Washington Region to monitor trends in commuting behavior such as mode shares, telecommuting, and distance traveled, as well as attitudes about commuter assistance services. The Board will be briefed on the highlights from the 2013 State of the Commute Survey.

- [Briefing on the Results of the 2013 State of the Commute Survey](#)

- 1:05 pm 9. **Briefing on Regional Highlighted Freight Projects**

..... Mr. Cleckley, DDOT
 Manager, Statewide and Regional Planning
 In March 2011, the Regional Freight Planning Subcommittee presented a list of highlighted freight transportation projects to the TPB which included one long-term and one short-term project for each freight railroad and one each for the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. The Board will be briefed on an update of the list of regional highlighted freight projects.

- [Briefing on Regional Highlighted Freight Projects](#)

- 1:15 pm 10. **Briefing on the Long Bridge Study**
 Ms. Rupert, DDOT
 Environment and Major Studies Program Manager
 Mr. Siaurusaitis
 Michael Baker Jr. Inc.
- The Long Bridge, which has two railroad tracks crossing the Potomac River, is owned by CSX Corporation and used by CSX, Amtrak, and VRE. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is conducting a study to assess potential inter-modal connectivity and operations improvements to the bridge, and to analyze long-term multimodal capacity improvements that include future operating requirements of high-speed and intercity passenger rail, commuter rail, and freight services over the river. The Board will be briefed on the study.
- 1:30 pm 11. **Update on the Final Report “What Do People Think About Congestion Pricing? A Deliberative Dialogue with Residents of Metropolitan Washington”**
 Mr. Swanson, DTP
- In January, the TPB was briefed on the draft report on a study of the public acceptability of congestion pricing in the region which was sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Value Pricing Program. The Board will be updated on this report, which has been finalized to respond to comments from the FHWA. The Board will also be briefed on the implications of MAP-21 requirements and restrictions regarding the establishment of tolls on existing lanes.
- [Executive Summary: "What Do People Think About Congestion Pricing?"](#)
 - [Full Report: "What Do People Think About Congestion Pricing?"](#)
- 1:40 pm 12. **Briefing on the Comments Received on the Draft TPB Regional Transportation Priorities Plan (RTPP)**
 Mr. Turner
 Mr. Kirby
- The TPB Regional Transportation Priorities Plan (RTPP) is being developed to identify regional strategies that offer the greatest potential contributions toward addressing regional challenges. The draft RTPP was released for public comment on July 24. The Board will be briefed on the comments received and on potential revisions to the priorities plan.
- [Briefing on Comments Received on the Draft TPB Regional Transportation Priorities Plan](#)
- 1:55 pm 13. **Other Business**
- 2:00 pm 14. **Adjourn**
- 2 hours
 Lunch will be available for Board members and alternates at 11:30 am