

ITEM 8 - Information

February 19, 2014

Update on Project Submissions and Schedule for the Air Quality Conformity Assessment, and Status of the Financial Analysis for the 2014 CLRP

Staff

Recommendation: Receive update on the major transportation projects under consideration for submission by the implementing agencies.

Issues: None

Background: In January it was determined that more time to discuss and refine the financial plan for the 2014 CLRP would be needed, and the schedule for the project submissions and air quality conformity assessment needed to be changed. The project submissions are scheduled to be released on March 13 for a 30-day public comment period that will end April 12. At the April 16 meeting, the Board will be asked to approve the project submissions and scope of work for the air quality conformity analysis of the 2014 CLRP.



NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD

MEMORANDUM

February 13, 2014

To: Transportation Planning Board

From: Gerald Miller and Robert Griffiths
Acting Co-Directors,
Department of Transportation Planning

Subject: Major Projects under Consideration for Inclusion in the 2014 Financially
Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP)

Background

At the January 15 meeting, the Board was updated on the delay in the schedule for 2014 CLRP. In late January it was determined that more time to discuss and refine the financial plan for the 2014 CLRP would be needed, and the schedule for the project submissions and air quality conformity assessment needed to be changed. As shown in the attached schedule, the project submissions are scheduled to be released on March 13 for a 30-day public comment period that will end April 12. At the April 16 meeting, the Board will be asked to approve the project submissions and scope of work for the air quality conformity analysis of the 2014 CLRP.

Preliminary View of Project Submissions

This memo provides a preliminary view of project submissions to date that are under consideration by the implementing agencies. When these projects are finalized for public comment, TPB staff will prepare a list of major projects for the 2014 CLRP which will include full project descriptions including costs, completion dates and maps where appropriate.

In the **District of Columbia**, the District of Columbia Department of transportation (DDOT) is considering the inclusion of three Streetcar extensions: from H Street NE at Union Station to Georgetown, from Anacostia to Southwest DC, and an additional spur of the planned Benning Road line that will extend to the Minnesota Avenue Metro Station. DDOT has also identified three studies to be included in their 2014 CRLP submissions to examine the introduction of managed lanes on the 14th Street/Rochambeau Bridge, I-295, and I-395/I-695 (SE/SW Freeway).

In **Maryland**, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is updating the MARC Growth and Investment Plan and is identifying portions of it in the TPB planning area for the 2014 CLRP. MDOT is resubmitting the construction of an interchange on I-95/I-495, the Capital Beltway at

the Greenbelt Metro Station in Prince George's County. This project had previously been included in the CLRP, but was removed in 2010 to meet the CLRP financial constraint.

In **Virginia**, VDOT is proposing to widen a segment of US 1 in Prince William County and to widen a portion of VA 123, Chain bridge Road in Fairfax County. VDOT is also proposing three alternatives for the Dulles Air Cargo, Passenger, Metrorail Access Highway project. VDOT anticipates releasing the three alternatives for public comment in March, but expects that the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board will select a preferred alternative prior to the TPB's approval of project inputs in April so only one alternative will be carried forward into the Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

The **Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority** (WMATA) plans on submitting seven elements of the Metro 2025 plan. Which of these elements are included in the project submissions approved by the TPB for the 2014 CLRP will depend on the outcome of ongoing discussions on the update to the Financial Plan for the 2014 CLRP.



Schedule for the 2014 Financially Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and the FY2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

*October 16, 2013	TPB is Briefed on Draft Call for Projects
*November 20, 2013	TPB Releases Final Call for Projects - Transportation Agencies Begin Submitting Project Information through On-Line Database
December 13, 2013	<u>DEADLINE</u> : Transportation Agencies Complete On-Line Submission of Draft Project Inputs.
March 7, 2014	Technical Committee Reviews Draft CLRP & TIP Project Submissions and Draft Scope of Work for the Air Quality Conformity Assessment
March 13, 2014	CLRP & TIP Project Submissions and Draft Scope of Work Released for Public Comment
*March 19, 2014	TPB is Briefed on Project Submissions and Draft Scope of Work
April 8, 2014	TPB Staff Briefs MWAQC TAC on Project Submissions and Scope of Work
April 12, 2014	Public Comment Period Ends
*April 16, 2014	TPB Reviews Public Comments and is asked to Approve Project Submissions and Draft Scope of Work
June 6, 2014	<u>DEADLINE</u> : Transportation Agencies Finalize Congestion Management Documentation Forms (where needed) and CLRP & TIP Forms. (Submissions must not impact conformity inputs; note that the deadline for changes affecting conformity inputs was April 16, 2014).
September 5, 2014	Technical Committee Reviews Draft CLRP & TIP and Conformity Assessment
September 11, 2014	Draft CLRP & TIP and Conformity Assessment Released for Public Comment at Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
*September 17, 2014	TPB Briefed on the Draft CLRP & TIP and Conformity Assessment
September ??, 2014	TPB Staff Briefs MWAQC TAC on the Draft CLRP & TIP and Conformity Assessment
October 10, 2014	Public Comment Period Ends
*October 15, 2014	TPB Reviews Public Comments and Responses to Comments, and is Presented the Draft CLRP & TIP and Conformity Assessment for Adoption
*TPB Meeting	