

Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee January 10, 2003

Meeting Summary

The Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC) met on January 10, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 in COG Meeting Rooms 4 & 5. PDTAC Chair Pastor called the meeting to order and members introduced themselves. The December 13, 2002 meeting summary was approved as written.

Announcements

Chair Pastor announced that Julie Wagner of the District of Columbia would chair PDTAC for calendar year 2003.

Staff announced that the TPB Regional Mobility and Accessibility Joint Technical Working Group would meet immediately after the meeting.

Staff distributed an e-mail that listed the counties to be included in the new Census Bureau definition of the Washington-Baltimore region and noted that Census and OMB officials were still seeking comment on the locally preferred name for the area.

COG Affordable Housing Conference: Next Steps

Due to last-minute scheduling conflicts, this item was postponed until the February meeting.

Update on Round 6.3 Cooperative Forecasts

Paul DesJardin of the COG staff noted stated in that in September 1998 the COG Board of Directors adopted Resolution R25-98 that recommended improvements to strengthen the Cooperative Forecasting process. Mr. DesJardin also stated that during the September 13, November 15 and December 13 meetings, COG staff had briefed the Committee on the current schedule for approval of the Round 6.3 Cooperative Forecasts to coincide with the TPB's air quality conformity analysis of the TIP and CLRP. Mr. DesJardin stated that Cooperative Forecasting Subcommittee members were working to submit draft Round 6.3 Cooperative Forecasts by the end of January and that PDTAC members would be asked to review and act on the new Forecasts during their February 14 meeting. Mr. DesJardin also said that during the December 13 meeting, the Committee approved a recommendation to approve the Round 6.3 Cooperative Forecasts – and all subsequent series – concurrent with the TPB's approval of the annual Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the TIP and CLRP. Mr. DesJardin stated that the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) approved this recommendation during their January 8, 2003 meeting and distributed copies of a draft resolution approved by the MDPC that supported this change.

Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study Alternative Growth Scenarios

Mr. DesJardin stated that during the December 13 meeting, PDTAC members reviewed elements of several potential alternative growth scenarios that were discussed later that day at the Regional Mobility and Accessibility Joint Working Group. The MDPC has requested that one scenario include the new Loudoun and Prince George's County comprehensive plans, and that the Regional Activity Centers / Clusters should be used for preparing a more "balanced" job and housing scenario. Mr. Griffiths noted that a small group of TPB members met to discuss the proposed transportation elements for the study and distributed a list of them. COG staff distributed tables showing each jurisdiction's "share" of new employment, population and household growth based upon the draft Round 6.3 Cooperative Forecasts. Staff also distributed tables showing the amount of additional jobs, population and households each jurisdiction could be asked to re-allocate by TAZ under at least one alternative growth scenario. Staff explained that each jurisdiction could allocate an additional increment of growth based upon the difference between the Round 6.3 regional totals and the COG Round 6 "econometric model" share.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. and Chair Pastor announced that the next PDTAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 14 at 10:00 a.m.