

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD

#### TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date: Friday, May 1, 2015 **Time: 10:00 a.m. – Please Note Start Time Change** Place: Ronald F. Kirby Training Center 777 N. Capitol Street, N.E.

10:00 1. Welcome and Approval of Minutes from the April 3 Technical Committee Meeting

..... Chair Rawlings, DDOT

<u>Minutes</u>

## ITEMS FOR THE BOARD AGENDA

10:05 2. Briefing on the Transportation Planning Certification Review of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process for the Washington, DC-VA-MD Transportation Management Area

Ms. Jackson FHWA District of Columbia Division As required by federal regulations, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conducted a certification review of the transportation planning process for the Washington region on October 28-29, 2014. The committee will be briefed on the draft certification report.

10:253. Briefing on the DC2RVA High-Speed Rail Project Under Development<br/>by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

The committee will be briefed on the Tier II Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process currently underway for the Washington, D.C. to Centralia, Virginia corridor (the DC2RVA high-speed rail project). The Tier II EIS, initiated in the fall of 2014, follows a Tier I EIS completed in 2002 for the larger Washington, D.C. to Charlotte, NC corridor. DRPT will be holding three public meetings in early June in Richmond, Fredericksburg and Alexandria to solicit public comment on the process that will be used to evaluate potential alternatives for improvements in the project corridor. Completion of the Tier II EIS is currently scheduled for late 2017.

- Presentation DC2RVA Project Update
- 10:45 4. Update on the Work of the Activities of the Transportation Sector Group of the COG Multi-Sector Working Group (MSWG) to Examine Greenhouse Gas Reductions

.....Bob Griffiths, DTP The committee will be briefed on the activities of the MSWG and the transportation sector group.

- Energy and Built Environment Strategy Summary Memo
- <u>Transportation and Land Use Strategy Summary Memo</u>

## 11:00 5. Update on the Development of a Regional List of Unfunded Transportation Projects

Bob Griffiths and Andrew Austin, DTP In November, in response to a request from the TPB, the committee was briefed on the development of a list of transportation projects which could not be included in the CLRP because funding has not been identified. The TPB jurisdictions and agencies have been requested to provide recognized priority transportation projects and their cost estimates for inclusion in the regional list. The committee will be updated on the project inputs received to date for the development of the list.

Update on Regional List of Unfunded Transportation Projects

# **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

## 11:15 6. Briefing on Metro's Connecting Communities Key Performance Indicator, Walkability Research and Station Area Strategic Investment Plan

Metro's strategic goal to 'connect communities' seeks to improve regional mobility by enhancing access to our transit system. This briefing will explain the framework for measuring this goal, explore new research on walkable station areas that builds the case for station connectivity, and discuss a new study that leverages the TPB's recent TCSP study (Study to Identify Pedestrian/Bicycle Access Improvements at Select Rail Stations) by compiling and prioritizing walk/bike access projects within a half mile of all of Metro's 91 stations.

# 11:35 7. Briefing on the Report "Peak Car Travel: An Analysis of Trends in the National Capital Region"

Ryan Westrom, DDOT Drawing on recent national research by Mr. Garceau showing how peaking in VMT began far before 2004 in the U.S., this presentation shares statewide VMT trends in the National Capital Region and places them in the national timeline context. Additionally, potential causes for these trends are discussed, and consideration for future trends made.

- Presentation Peak Car Travel in the National Capital Region
- 11:55 8. Other Business
- 12:00 9. **Adjourn**

Enclosures not referenced in the above agenda:

- Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee
- Monthly UPWP Progress Report

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