

## Key Vote on Long-Range Plan Postponed to May

In a rare weighted vote, the TPB decided on April 18 to put off its decision on whether to approve this year's project submissions for the region's Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP). The board will take up the item again at its meeting on May 16.

The TPB meeting was dominated by lively discussion of two proposed projects in Virginia—I-66 spot improvements and HOT lanes on I-95/395. While some board members

expressed outright support or opposition to certain aspects of the Virginia projects, others said they wanted more time to

fully review the material presented by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

The approval of the CLRP project submissions is a pivotal step in the annual CLRP update. Once

**Project  
Descriptions  
on page 4.**



### Virginia Projects in the Spotlight

Two proposals for this year's plan update have attracted considerable attention.

- **I-95/395 High Occupancy/Toll (HOT) Lanes Project**

Reconfigure the existing HOV facility, from 2 to 3 lanes. Convert HOV to HOV/Bus/HOT lanes.

Transit Service Plan includes major enhancements. **Length:**

36 miles—Eads Street in Arlington to Garrisonville Road in Stafford County.

**Cost:** \$882 million

(includes private equity, debt, tolls, federal transit capital and farebox revenues).

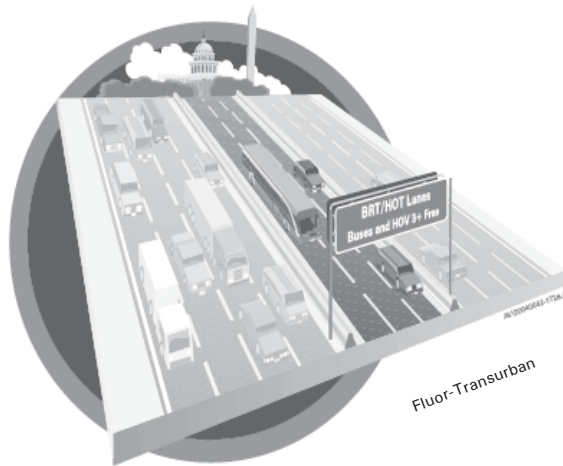
**Cost breakdown:** Preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction: \$492 million; Total Transit Service Plan operating and capital: \$390 million.

**Completion:** 2010.

- **I-66 Spot Improvements**

Reconstruct three "spots" westbound inside the Beltway, extending and connecting a series of acceleration and deceleration lanes. **Length:** 4 miles (total).

**Cost:** \$75.6 million. **Completion:** 2013.



the TPB approves the submissions, staff includes the new projects in a regional network containing all significant transportation improvements anticipated between now and 2030.

This network is then analyzed for air quality impacts. According to federal Clean Air requirements, the TPB must show that forecasted emissions from the future transportation system will be in conformity with the region's air quality improvement goals.

The TPB's final approval of this year's CLRP is now scheduled for December.

A map and list with this year's project submissions is on page 3. For more information on the CLRP, visit [www.mwcog.org/clrp](http://www.mwcog.org/clrp). ■

## Upcoming May Agenda

The TPB's May 16 agenda will include the following:

- Consideration of items related to the 2007 Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and FY 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):
  - Review of comments received regarding project submissions for the CLRP and TIP;
  - Approval of project submissions for CLRP and TIP; and
  - Approval of the scope of work for the air quality conformity assessment for the 2007 CLRP and FY 2008-2013 TIP.
- Approval of the scope of work for an air quality conformity assessment of an amendment to the 2006 CLRP and FY 2007-2012 TIP to include construction of an interchange at US 340 and Jefferson Technology Park in Frederick County, as requested by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT).
- Approval of Amendments to the FY 2007-2012 TIP that are exempt from the air quality conformity requirement to revise project funding sources for 28 Projects, as requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).
- Endorsement and transmittal of the Access for All (AFA) Advisory Committee Report and Recommendations to Improve Language Access to Transit Information. ■

### Solicitation for Job Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) & New Freedom Projects



Do you have a great idea about how to improve access to transportation for people who face mobility constraints? If so, please submit your project idea to the TPB for funding consideration. Visit [www.tpbcoordination.org](http://www.tpbcoordination.org) for more information.

## May 18 is Bike to Work Day

**Bike to Work Day 2007**  
FRIDAY MAY 18  
Pre-Register by May 11 for Free T-Shirt and Bike Raffle!

**Pit Stops:**

<b>WASHINGTON D.C.</b>	<b>VIRGINIA</b>
Downtown D.C.	Alexandria
<b>MARYLAND</b>	Arlington
Bethesda	Dulles
Bowie	Fairfax
College Park	Leesburg
Frederick	Reston
Hyattsville	Springfield
North Bethesda	Sterling
Rockville	Tysons Corner
Silver Spring	Vienna
Waldorf	

Free food, beverages and giveaways available at each location.  
Visit web site for specific pit stop locations and times.  
T-Shirts available at pit stops to first 5,000 who register.

Register at [www.waba.org](http://www.waba.org) or call 202-518-0524

Bike to Work Day is also funded by the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and U.S. Departments of Transportation.

**Bike to Work Day is expected to bring more than 6,000 Washington area commuters together to promote bicycling to work as a healthy and environmentally-friendly alternative to drive-alone commuting. Cyclists will ride from 25 pit stops from across the region in Maryland and Virginia, and many of them will end at Freedom Plaza in downtown Washington. This event is coordinated by the TPB's Commuter Connections program along with the Washington Area Bicyclist Association. To register, go to [www.waba.org](http://www.waba.org).**

## TPB Approves Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan

The TPB on April 18 approved the region's first Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan.

The plan will guide funding priorities for three FTA programs: 1) Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program; 2) Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (JARC); and 3) New Freedom Program, a new initiative for projects that go "above and beyond" the

## New Projects Submitted for 2007 Constrained Long-Range Plan

Four new major projects were submitted for this year's update to the region's Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRTP). On May 16, the TPB is scheduled to vote on the inclusion of the submitted projects in the air quality conformity analysis that is an essential part of the CLRTP/TIP development process.

### Projects Proposed for Construction

#### 1. US 340—Jefferson National Pike

*Interchange at Jefferson Technology Park, Frederick, Maryland*  
**Length:** half-mile radius. **Cost:** \$11 million. **Completion:** 2009.

#### 2. I-66 Spot Improvements

*Three "spots" westbound, inside the Beltway*  
**Length:** 4 miles (total). **Cost:** \$75.6 million. **Completion:** 2013.

#### 3. I-95/395 High Occupancy/Toll (HOT) Lanes Project

*From Eads St. in Arlington to Garrisonville Rd. in Stafford Co.*  
**Length:** 36 miles. **Cost:** \$882 million. **Completion:** 2010.

#### 4. Potomac Yard Transitway

*Four Mile Run to Braddock Road Metro Station*  
**Length:** 2.5 miles. **Cost:** \$18.1 million. **Completion:** 2011.

### Proposed New Studies

#### A. US 301 Waldorf Bypass

*Washington Ave./Turkey Hill Rd. to north of the MD 5 Interchange at T.B.* Study alternatives for upgrading and widening US 301 through Waldorf and/or constructing an access-controlled bypass.



#### B. Manassas National Battlefield Bypass

Close Routes 29 and 234 through the Manassas National Battlefield Park to through traffic.

#### C. VRE Expansion

*City of Manassas to Gainesville and Haymarket*

Preliminary engineering and environmental work to extend VRE commuter rail service from Manassas to Gainesville and Haymarket.

Americans with Disabilities Act's (ADA's) transportation requirements.

As the designated recipient of federal funding for the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom programs, the TPB will work with member jurisdictions, transportation providers, human service agencies and consumers to improve coordination and service delivery for people with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and older adults.

TPB's JARC and New Freedom programs will provide approximately \$1 million each and require a 50/50 match for operating projects and a 80/20 match for capital projects. The funding

for these two programs is available for any service that operates within the Washington, DC-MD-VA Urbanized Area. The TPB will oversee the review and selection of project proposals in accordance with the competitive selection process, and approve the selected projects for inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

More information on the Coordinated Plan is available at [www.mwcog.org/hstc](http://www.mwcog.org/hstc). ■

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# Calendar of Events

Dates and times subject to change. All meetings are at COG unless otherwise indicated. If you are in need of special assistance to participate in meetings, please call (202) 962-3315 or (202) 962-3213 (TDD). Bicycle racks are located in the parking garage at 777 N. Capitol St., NE (Enter from 1st Street).

## May 2007

- 4 TPB Technical Committee (9 am)
- 4 TPB Steering Committee (noon)
- 8 Management, Operations and Intelligent Transportation Systems (MOITS) Policy and Technical Task Forces Joint Meeting (12:30 pm)
- 9 Bike to Work Day Steering Committee (10 am)
- 10 TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (6 pm)
- 11 Joint Technical Working Group for the Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study (noon)
- 15 Commuter Connections Subcommittee (noon)
- 15 Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee (1 pm)
- 16 Transportation Planning Board (noon)**
- 18 Travel Forecasting Subcommittee (9:30 am)
- 22 18th Annual Public Transit Forum (11 am)
- 24 Aviation Technical Subcommittee (10:30 am)

## June 2007

- 1 TPB Technical Committee (9 am)
- 1 TPB Steering Committee (noon)
- 12 Management, Operations and Intelligent Transportation Systems (MOITS) Policy and Technical Task Forces Joint Meeting (12:30 pm)
- 14 TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (6 pm)
- 19 Commuter Connections Ridematching Committee (10 am)
- 19 Regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Marketing Group (noon)
- 20 Task Force on Value Pricing for Transportation (10:30 am)
- 20 Transportation Planning Board (noon)**

## July 2007

- 6 TPB Technical Committee (9 am)
- 6 TPB Steering Committee (noon)
- 10 Management, Operations and Intelligent Transportation Systems (MOITS) Policy and Technical Task Forces Joint Meeting (12:30 pm)
- 12 TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (6 pm)
- 17 Employer Outreach Committee (10 am)
- 17 Commuter Connections Subcommittee (noon)
- 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee (1 pm)
- 18 Task Force on Value Pricing for Transportation (10 am)
- 18 Transportation Planning Board (noon)**
- 20 Travel Forecasting Subcommittee (9:30 am)
- 24 Travel Management Subcommittee (9 am)
- 26 Aviation Technical Subcommittee (10:30 am)
- 26 Access for All Advisory Committee (2 pm)

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