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October 29, 2004

**By Fax and U.S. Mail**

The Honorable Thomas Dernoga  
Chair, Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee  
777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20002-4290

**Re: Incomplete Information Provided by TPB Staff in Response to  
Request for Modeling Information Pertaining to the Air Quality  
Conformity Analysis on the Proposed 2004 CLRP**

Dear Chairman Dernoga:

This letter responds to your request at the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee ("MWAQC") meeting on October 27, 2004 that Michael Replogle provide a copy of the original letter requesting the COG/TPB Travel Forecasting Model Version 2.1D #50 and models pertaining to the air quality conformity findings of the proposed 2004 Constrained Long Range Plan ("CLRP") from Transportation Planning Board ("TPB") staff. We are pleased to provide you with that original request letter and the subsequent transmittal letters from Ron Kirby. (They are attached as attachments A, B, and C to this letter). We share the frustration voiced by your MWAQC colleague that a pattern of poor communications with TPB staff continues to plague us and impede our ability to timely participate in the public involvement process.

The facts of this dispute are straightforward. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc., submitted a written request for the COG/TPB Travel Forecasting Model Version 2.1D #50 and other information pertaining to the air quality conformity analysis of the proposed 2004 CLRP, the results of which were released on October 1, 2004 for public comment. In responding to this request, TPB staff failed to include the transportation network for the Inter County Connector, a necessary component for the air quality conformity analysis, although this information was prepared for public dissemination, in conjunction with the release of the air quality conformity findings. Instead, they provided us with last year's adopted 2030 transportation network, which is not the subject of the October 1, 2004 conformity finding.

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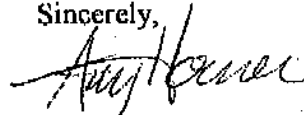
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Our request for this information complied with TPB policy but yet we failed to get the publicly available information we requested. When we realized that this critical information had been omitted from the TPB response, we submitted a second request, which TPB staff has now fulfilled. However, due to the size and complexity of the belated data, as well as the time needed to run the models on our computer, with further time needed to analyze the results, we will be unable to submit any comments by Sunday, October 31, 2004. Therefore, we respectfully request an extension to the public comment period to provide us an opportunity to conduct a thorough and intelligent examination of the air quality conformity analysis of the proposed 2004 CLRP, now that we finally have all the necessary technical information.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Amy L. Horner

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cc: Christopher Zimmerman, Chairman, Transportation Planning Board (with attachments)

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September 28, 2004

Attachment A

VIA FAX  
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Mr. Ron Kirby  
Director of Transportation Planning  
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
777 North Capitol Street, NE, Ste. 300  
Washington, D.C. 20002

Re: Model 2.1D # 50

Dear Mr. Kirby:

We are writing on behalf of our clients, the Audubon Naturalist Society and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, with regard to the updated model Version 2.1D #50. By this letter we are requesting that you provide to our consultant some basic information connected with the public release of travel model Version 2.1D #50 so that we may fully participate in the public process associated with this analysis. In addition, we request a full set of any other models used to calculate emissions for the air quality conformity findings to be released on October 1, 2004, including post-processor and Mobile 6 inputs.


If you have any questions about these requests, we encourage you to call us so that your response to these requests can be prepared as soon as possible. Please send your response to our clients' consultant via Federal Express. The name, address and account number is listed below:

Brian Grady  
Smart Mobility, Inc.  
Aldrich House #3  
16 Beaver Meadow Road  
Norwich, VT 05055  
Phone: 802.649.5422  
Account number: 2489-7716-7

Mr. Ron Kirby  
September 28, 2004

Thank you for your prompt response to this request.

Sincerely,



Amy L. Horner

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cc: Brian Grady

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Dear Mr. Grady:

This letter transmits the following information in response to the letter request of September 28, 2004, from Ms. Amy L. Horner of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, LLP:

1. Draft highway and transit networks, input, control, support and TP+ script files and software to run the demographic sub-models and accomplish trip generation, trip distribution, mode choice and trip assignment using the COG/TPB Travel Forecasting Model Version 2.1/TP+, (DRAFT #50) for three time periods for the simulation years of 1994, 2000 and 2030. The data are contained on a CD-R labeled "CGV21D\_50X".

Please note that generic file names are used in these model runs, so it is recommended that data for each simulation year be kept in separate directories.

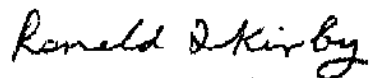
2. Copies of the following documents:
  - a. "COG/TPB Travel Forecasting Model Version 2.1 D Draft #50 User's Guide (DRAFT)" dated September 17, 2004.
  - b. "COG/TPB Travel Forecasting Model Version 2.1 D Draft #50 Calibration Report (DRAFT)" dated September 17, 2004.
  - c. A memorandum to the files by Ron Milone, dated September 21, 2004, titled "Transmittal of Version 2.1 D DRAFT # 50 Model."

The post-processor model with supporting documentation and inputs to the Mobile6 Model will be available at the October 1, 2004, TPB Technical Committee Meeting.

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If there are any questions concerning the Version 2.1 D Draft #50 Travel Model, please contact Mr. Ron Milone of my staff at (202) 962-3283.

Sincerely,



Ronald F. Kirby  
Director, Department of  
Transportation Planning

- cc: Ms. Amy L. Horner, Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, LLP
- Mr. Michael Clifford, COG/DTP
- Mr. James Hogan, COG/DTP
- Mr. Ron Milone, COG/DTP



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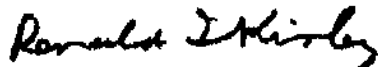
This letter transmits the following information in response to the letter request of September 28, 2004, from Ms. Amy L. Horner of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, LLP:

1. The Mobile Emissions Post Processor Model. The information is contained on a CD-R labeled "Mobile Emission Post-Processor TP+ Scripts and Mobile 6.2 Rates Used in the 2004 CLRP/FY 2005-2010 TIP".
2. Inputs to the Mobile 6 Model contained on a CD-R labeled "SMARTMOB8".
3. Copies of the following documents:
  - a. A memorandum to the files by Ron Milone, dated October 1, 2004, titled "Mobile Emissions Post-Processor Description and Results".
  - b. FY-2004 Network Documentation: Highway and Transit Network Development (DRAFT) dated October 1, 2004.
  - c. A memorandum to Amy L. Horner by Eulalie G. Lucas detailing the data contained on the CD-R labeled "SMARTMOB8".

Questions concerning Items(1) and (2) should be addressed to the following members of my staff: Mr. Ron Milone at 202.962.3283 concerning the Post Processor and Ms. Eulalie Gower-Lucas concerning the inputs to Mobile6.

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Sincerely,



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Director, Department of  
Transportation Planning

cc: Ms. Amy L. Horner, Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, LLP  
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Mr. James Hogan, COG/DTP  
Mr. Ron Milone, COG/DTP  
Ms. Eulalie Gower-Lucas, COG/DTP

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