

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: February 17, 2010

Time: 12 noon

Place: COG Board Room

Meeting of the TPB Scenario Task Force: From 10:30 to 11:45 am, the task force will meet in the **COG Board Room** to review updated results and discuss next steps for the analysis of the "CLRP Aspirations" Scenario and the "What Would it Take?" Greenhouse Gas Reduction Scenario.

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| 12 noon | 1. | Public Comment on TPB Procedures and Activities Chairman Snyder |
| | | Interested members of the public will be given the opportunity to make brief comments on transportation issues under consideration by the TPB. Each speaker will be allowed up to three minutes to present his or her views. Board members will have an opportunity to ask questions of the speakers, and to engage in limited discussion. Speakers are asked to bring written copies of their remarks (65 copies) for distribution at the meeting. |
| 12:20 pm | 2. | Approval of Minutes of January 20 Meeting Chairman Snyder |
| 12:25 pm | 3. | Report of Technical Committee Mr. Verzosa
Chair, Technical Committee |
| 12:30 pm | 4. | Report of Citizen Advisory Committee Ms. Budetti
Chair, Citizen Advisory Committee |
| 12:40 am | 5. | Report of Steering Committee Mr. Kirby
Director, Department of
Transportation Planning (DTP) |
| 12:45 pm | 6. | Chairman's Remarks Chairman Snyder |



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ACTION ITEMS

- 12:50 pm 7. **Endorsement of the Establishment of the Virginia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (VAMPO)**
.....Mr. Kirby

In February 2009, Virginia’s General Assembly passed HR 756, requesting that the Secretary of Transportation support and assist the 14 MPOs in the Commonwealth with the establishment of a Virginia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (VAMPO). The Board will be briefed on the enclosed White Paper that has been developed to outline the Association’s structure, mission and preliminary recommendations. The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R16-2010 endorsing the concept of the formation of VAMPO.

Action: Adopt Resolution R16-2010 endorsing the concept of the formation of VAMPO.

- 12:55 pm 8. **Approval of An Amendment to the FY 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Include Projects in Anticipation of Funding under the Potential New Federal Stimulus Legislation as Requested by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)**.....Mr. Halligan

If the new federal stimulus legislation currently under consideration in Congress becomes law, state DOTs will have 90 days to contract half of their funding for projects. The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) has requested an amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to include projects with funding in anticipation of the new legislation becoming law. The Board will be briefed on the projects with funding in anticipation of the new legislation becoming law, and asked to adopt Resolution R17-2010 to amend the FY 2010-2015 TIP to include projects with funding as described in the enclosed materials.

Action: Adopt Resolution R17-2010 to amend the FY 2010-2015 TIP to include projects with funding in anticipation of potential new federal stimulus legislation.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1:00 pm 9. **Briefing on the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) New Policy on Funding New Starts and Small Starts Projects**
.....Mr. Welbes
Executive Director of FTA

On January 13, US DOT Secretary Ray LaHood announced a new FTA policy for recommending New Starts and Small Starts projects for discretionary federal funding assistance aimed at giving consideration to the full range of benefits that transit can provide. The Board will be briefed on FTA’s new policy, and on the rulemaking process that will be

initiated to implement this policy.

1:20 pm 10. **Report on the TPB Regional Priority Bus Project Application under the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program**

.....Mr. Kirby

On September 15, the TPB submitted an application to USDOT for TIGER funding for the regional Priority Bus Project. The Board will be updated on grant announcements for TIGER funding, which are expected to be announced by February 16.

1:25 pm 11. **Briefing on the Transportation Planning Implications of the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) New Nitrogen Dioxide Standard, Proposed Changes in the Eight-hour Standard for Ozone, and New Motor Vehicle Emissions Simulation Model (MOVES)**

.....Mr. Kirby

EPA has recently issued a new Nitrogen Dioxide standard, proposed stricter health standards for ground level ozone measured over eight hours, and released guidance on the use of MOVES for regional air quality planning and transportation conformity analysis. The Board will be briefed on the timing and transportation planning implications of these recent EPA actions.

1:35 pm 12. **Briefing on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination (MATOC) Program**

..... Mr. Euler
Telvent Inc.

The TPB will be briefed on continuing trial phase activities for MATOC, as well as on ongoing preparations for full MATOC implementation.

1:40 pm 13. **Briefing on Draft FY 2011 Commuter Connections Work Program (CCWP)** Mr. Ramfos, DTP

The Board will be briefed on the enclosed draft CCWP for FY 2011 (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011). The Board will be asked to approve the FY 2011 CCWP at its March 17 meeting.

1: 45 pm 14. **Briefing on Draft FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

.....Mr. Kirby

The Board will be briefed on the enclosed draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY 2011 (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011). The Board will be asked to approve the FY 2011 UPWP at its March 17 meeting.

NOTICE ITEM

- 1:50 pm 15. **Notice of Proposed Amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to Include Construction Funding for the I-70 Project in Frederick County as Requested by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)**
.....Mr. Halligan

Notice is provided that MDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to include construction funding for the I-70 project in Frederick County, as described in the enclosed materials.

- 1:55 pm 16. **Other Business**

- 2:00 pm 17. **Adjourn**

2 hours

Lunch will be served to Board members and alternates at 11:30 am