

TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights December 5, 2003

The Technical Committee met on Friday, December 5 at COG. Six items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda on December 17.

- TPB agenda Items 9, 10 and 11

Staff informed the Committee of the expected EPA approval of the new mobile emissions budgets which is necessary for the TPB to make a conformity determination for the 2003 Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and FY 2004-2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Committee recommended that the conformity determination, the full 2003 CLRP, and the full FY 2004-2009 TIP be approved at the December 17 TPB meeting.

- TPB agenda Item 12

Consultant staff briefed the Committee on the near-term regional transportation funding needs study, including the methods used to estimate the unfunded transit and highway needs and the preliminary draft results by jurisdiction. The Committee identified information gaps to be filled and commented on the organization and content of 6-year total needs summary tables.

- TPB agenda Item 13

Staff briefed the Committee on the progress of the regional traffic signal optimization program.

- TPB agenda Item 16

The Committee was briefed on the proposed schedule and draft solicitation document for the 2004 CLRP and FY 2005-2010 TIP and air quality conformity analysis. The Committee discussed how this schedule might change if submissions of new major projects affecting conformity are received for inclusion in the CLRP and TIP after February 12, 2004. It agreed that the CLRP and TIP should be scheduled as proposed for approval by the TPB in July. However, the Committee recognized that the CLRP and TIP would have to be amended in the Fall or later if new projects affecting conformity are received after February 12. The Board will be asked to approve the final solicitation document at its January 21, 2004 meeting.

Three items were presented for information and discussion:

- The Committee was updated on the activities related to the revised State Implementation Plan (SIP) to be submitted to EPA in early 2004 by the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC). A revised version of section 9.4 of the draft SIP document ("Trends in Mobile Emissions") was presented to the Committee by COG/DEP staff. The Committee recommended a few organization revisions to this section for consideration by MWAQC.
- Staff briefed the Committee on the status of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee's recommended top projects for consideration in the 2004 CLRP and FY 2005-2010 TIP.

- Staff briefed the Committee on the proposed work activities for travel models development and data collection which are being reviewed by the Travel Forecasting Subcommittee and the Transportation Research Board's (TRB) Committee for Review of Travel Demand Modeling by the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board.
- Staff reviewed the status of the alternative land use scenarios for the Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study. The transportation subgroup met to identify transportation scenarios on December 2. The next meeting of the Joint Technical Working Group (JTWG) for this study is scheduled for December 12.

**TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES
ATTENDANCE - December 5, 2003**

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VDOA -----

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FEDERAL/OTHER

FHWA-DC -----

FTA -----

NCPC -----

NPS -----

MWAQC -----

COG Staff and Others

Ronald Kirby, COG/DTP
Gerald Miller, COG/DTP
Jim Hogan, COG/DTP
Joan Rohlf, COG/DEP
Beth Lowe, COG/DEP
Robert Griffiths, COG/DTP
Andrew Meese, COG/DTP
Andrew Austin, COG/DTP
Jane Posey, COG/DTP
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Anant Choudhary, COG/DTP
Toni Giardini, COG/DTP
Dusan Vuksan, COG/DTP
Paul Dejardin, COG/HSPPS
Greg Goodwin, COG/HSPPS
Arlee Reno, Cambridge Systematics
Kiran Bhatt, Cambridge Systematics
Phillip Strong, American Council of the Blind
Tim Nutter, NVTA
Howard Chang, Tri-County Council