

TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights

June 1, 2007

The Technical Committee met on Friday, June 1 at COG. Six items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda on June 20.

- TPB agenda Item 7

Staff briefed the Committee on the proposed establishment of a TPB task force of taxicab regulators in the region. The Committee suggested providing additional background and context information on the proposed task force to the TPB before requesting approval of the task force.

- TPB agenda Item 8

The Committee was briefed on the status of the region's State Implementation Plan (SIP) and the status of work for the conformity assessment the 2007 CLRP and FY 2008-2013 TIP. Staff also reviewed the draft results of the air quality conformity assessment of an amendment to the 2006 CLRP and FY 2007-2012 TIP to include construction of an interchange at US 15/ 340 and Jefferson Technology Park in Frederick County.

- TPB agenda Item 9

Staff briefed the Committee on mobile source CO₂ emissions estimates for the Washington region developed for use by the recently established COG Climate Change Steering Committee.

- TPB agenda Item 10

The Committee was briefed on the proposed agenda for the special MATOC Program Work Session to be held immediately prior to the June 20 Board meeting. Staff also presented recommendations on traffic management strategies for the region based upon the Traffic Technology International magazine article referred to the MOITS Task Forces by the TPB at its March 21 meeting.

- TPB agenda Item 11

Staff briefed the Committee on the current status of a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the 14th Bridge Corridor Project under development by Eastern Federal Lands Division of FHWA.

- TPB agenda Item 12

Staff briefed the Committee on the final version of a web-based visualization of the transportation projects and land use information in the 2006 CLRP. The Committee recommended that this dynamic mapping capability using Goggle Earth be presented to the TPB at its June meeting.

Four items were presented for information and discussion:

- Staff updated the Committee on activities to date to develop TPB responses to the

Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) resolutions presented to the TPB on September 20, 2006, which present its policies with respect to the allocation and sharing of FTA formula funds for the Washington urbanized area. Staff reviewed a draft letter to FAMPO outlining potential TPB responses and recommendations on each of the FAMPO policies. Staff also reviewed a WMATA Board Resolution of January 27, 2000 regarding regional allocation of federal transit funds, and discussed the implications of the resolution for the TPB response to FAMPO.

- Staff briefed the Committee on the highlights of a report written for policymakers and the public that summarizes demographic and travel trends and changing commuting patterns between 2000 and 2005 in the Washington region.
- The Committee was briefed on activities of the pilot project using volunteer drivers to enhance the monitoring of congestion on arterial highways.
- Staff reviewed for the Committee how key provisions of the final USDOT transportation planning regulations, which were issued February 14, 2007, are being addressed in the TPB planning process.

