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TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD (TPB) MEETING

Date: November 17, 2004

Time: 11:30 am

Place: COG Board Room

NOTE: In order to allow sufficient time for public comment, the meeting will begin at 11:30 am, and speakers will be limited to two minutes each.

A-G-E-N-D-A

- 11:30 am 1. **Public Comment on TPB Procedures and Activities** Chairman Zimmerman
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 two 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 October 20, 2004 Meeting**..... Chairman Zimmerman
- 12:25 pm 3. **Report of Technical Committee** Mr. Rybeck
Chair, Technical Committee
- 12:30 pm 4. **Report of Citizen Advisory Committee**..... Dennis Jaffe
Chair, Citizen Advisory Committee
- 12:40 pm 5. **Report of Steering Committee**..... Mr. Kirby
Director, Department of
Transportation Planning
- 12:45 pm 6. **Chairman's Remarks**..... Chairman Zimmerman

ACTION ITEMS

- 12:50 pm 7. **Appointment of Nominating Committee for Year 2005 TPB Officers** Chairman Zimmerman
- Chairman Zimmerman will announce the appointment of a Nominating Committee for year 2005 TPB officers. The TPB Bylaws provide for TPB officers to serve for one calendar year, from January 1 through December 31. The Nominating Committee will be asked to present a slate of year 2005 officers for action by the Board at its December 15 meeting.
- 12:55 pm 8. **Approval of Funding and Transmittal Letter for TPB's 2005 Membership in the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations** Vice Chairman Mendelson
- The Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) is a national organization that represents and provides assistance to metropolitan planning organizations like the TPB throughout the United States. Vice Chairman Mendelson is a member of the Board of Directors of AMPO.
- Action:** Approve funding of \$16,875 from the FY 2005 UPWP along with an associated transmittal letter for the TPB's 2005 membership in AMPO.
- 1:00 pm 9. **Approval of a Resolution Declaring Funding Must be Identified to Meet Preservation, Rehabilitation, and Capacity Expansion Needs of the Region's Highways, Local Transit, and Commuter Rail System**.....Mr. Kirby
- At the October 20 TPB meeting, the Board adopted Resolution R3-2005 declaring funding must be identified to meet the preservation, rehabilitation, and capacity expansion needs of the Metrorail and Metrobus system. In February 2001 and in February 2004, the TPB published brochures which document the funding crisis facing the region's transportation system. The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R5-2005 to declare that funding must be identified to meet the preservation, rehabilitation, and capacity expansion needs of the region's highways, local transit, and commuter rail systems.
- Action:** Adopt Resolution R5-2005 declaring that funding must be identified to meet the preservation, rehabilitation, and capacity expansion needs of the region's highways, local transit, and commuter rail systems.
- 1:05 pm 10. **Approval of Amendments to the FY 2004- 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Draft FY 2005-2010 TIP that are Exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to Fund Metrorail and Metrobus Rehabilitation and Maintenance Projects, Rail and Bus Fleet Expansion and Associated Facilities Upgrades, and A Security Program**Mr. White
- The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has requested an amendment to the FY 2004-2009 TIP and the draft FY 2005-2010 TIP to include recently committed funding to support WMATA's rehabilitation and maintenance needs; rail capacity growth to accommodate demand by minor fleet expansion

and associated facilities upgrades; and bus fleet capacity growth by minor fleet expansion, garage facilities and customer facilities and a security program including a backup operations control center.

Action: Adopt Resolution R6-2005 to amend the FY 2004-2009 TIP and the draft FY 2005-2010 TIP as requested by WMATA.

1:10 pm

11. **Approval of TPB Letter of Support for the National Capital Planning Commission's (NCP) Study of the Relocation of the CSX Rail Line Within the District of Columbia** Ms. Koster

At the October 20 meeting, the Board discussed a draft letter from the TPB to the NCP expressing support for its study of the relocation of the active seven-mile stretch of CSX rail line within the District of Columbia. The attached draft letter has been prepared to reflect the Board comments.

Action: Review the draft letter and authorize the TPB chairman to send a letter to the NCP expressing support for this study.

1:15 pm

12. **Endorsement of Actions to Improve Regional Transportation Communications and Coordination During Incidents** Mr. Snyder
Mr. Contestabile
Maryland Department of Transportation

At the May 19 TPB meeting, the Board approved a recommended course of action to be implemented over the next six months to improve regional transportation communications and coordination during incidents. At the July and September meetings, the Board was briefed on progress on the implementation of technical and operational improvements to regional transportation communication and coordination procedures. The Board will be asked to endorse a specific set of actions to improve regional transportation communication and coordination procedures during incidents.

Action: Adopt Resolution R7-2005 endorsing actions to improve regional transportation communications and coordination procedures during incidents

1:25 pm

13. **Review of Comments Received and Acceptance of Recommended Responses for Inclusion in the Air Quality Conformity Assessment, the 2004 Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP), and the FY2005-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**Mr. Kirby

The Board will be briefed on the comments received and asked to accept the recommended responses for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment, the 2004 CLRP, and the FY2005-2010 TIP. These draft documents were released for public comment on October 1, 2004. The public comment period for these documents ended on October 31, 2004. The final version of the comments and responses memorandum will be incorporated into the documents scheduled for consideration under agenda items 14, 15, and 16.

Action: Accept recommended responses to comments received for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment, the 2004 CLRP, and the FY2005-2010 TIP.

- 1:35 pm 14. **Approval of Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2004 CLRP and FY 2005-2010 TIP**Mr. Kirby
- At the September 15 meeting, the Board was briefed on the status of the draft 2004 CLRP and FY 2005-2010 TIP documents and the associated conformity analysis. The Board will be asked to approve the air quality conformity determination for the 2004 CLRP and FY 2005-2010 TIP.
- Action:** Adopt Resolution R8-2005 finding that the 2004 CLRP and FY 2005-2010 TIP conform with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.
- 1:40 pm 15. **Approval of the 2004 Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP)**Mr. Kirby
- At the September 15 meeting, the Board was briefed on the status of the draft 2004 CLRP and FY 2005-2010 TIP documents and the associated conformity analysis. The Board will be asked to approve the 2004 CLRP.
- Action:** Adopt Resolution R9-2005 approving the 2004 CLRP.
- 1:45 pm 16. **Approval of the FY 2005-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**Mr. Kirby
- At the September 15 meeting, the Board was briefed on the status of the draft 2004 CLRP and FY 2005-2010 TIP documents and the associated conformity analysis. The Board will be asked to approve the FY 2005-2010 TIP.
- Action:** Adopt Resolution R10-2005 approving the FY 2005-2010 TIP.
- 1:50 pm 17. **Certification of the Urban Transportation Planning Process for the National Capital Region**Mr. Kirby
- The final planning regulations issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on October 28, 1993 require that “the state and MPO shall annually certify to the FHWA and FTA that the planning process is addressing the major issues facing the area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements...” The Board will be asked to endorse the appended Statement of Certification.
- Action:** Adopt Resolution R11-2005 endorsing the appended Statement of Certification.
- 1:55 pm 18. **Other Business.**
- 2:00 pm 19. **Adjourn.**

2 hours

Lunch will be served to Board members and alternates at 11:30 a.m.