

TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights

April 1, 2005

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

- TPB agenda Item 8

The Committee was briefed on the final project submissions and comments received to date for the 2005 CLRP and FY 2006-2011 TIP. The Committee recommended that TPB approve these submissions for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment for the 2005 CLRP and FY 2006-2011 TIP.

- TPB agenda Item 9

COG staff briefed the Committee on the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee's (MDPC) approval of draft Round 7.0 Cooperative Land Use Forecasts for use in the air quality conformity analysis of the 2005 CLRP and FY 2006-2011 TIP. The Committee discussed the transportation issues raised by the job and household forecasts for the period 2020 to 2030. It recommend that TPB staff work closely with the Planning Directors to examine the transportation impacts of the draft land use forecasts.

- TPB agenda Item 10

WMATA staff briefed the Committee on the rationale for changing the Metrorail core ridership constraint from 2005 to 2010 in the draft scope of work for the air quality conformity assessment of the 2005 CLRP and FY 2006-2011 TIP. Staff also reviewed recent EPA information regarding the conformity implications of the new air quality standards for fine particles (PM2.5). The Committee recommended that TPB approve the scope of work with the change in year in the ridership constraint to 2010 for the air quality conformity assessment for the 2005 CLRP and FY 2006-2011 TIP.

- TPB agenda Item 12

Staff briefed the Committee on additional information about the causes of pedestrian and bicycle accidents and the benefits of the "Street Smart" pedestrian and bicycle safety education campaign. The Committee recommended that the Board approve a process to request local jurisdictions for regular annual funding commitments for this regional campaign . It also recommended that TPB staff offer to give a presentation on the "Street Smart" campaign to the COG Police Chiefs committee to encourage more coordination of bicycle and pedestrian safety enforcement activities during the campaign.

- TPB agenda Item 13

Staff briefed the Committee on the status of staff work to develop proposals to restructure and streamline the Commuter Connections Work Program (CCWP) for FY 2006 (July 1,2005 through June 30, 2006).

- TPB agenda Item 14

The Committee was briefed on key results of the financial analysis for the 2003 CLRP and on the draft work plan for conducting the financial analysis for the 2006 CLRP. It discussed assumptions and issues that need to be addressed in the new analysis for the 2006 CLRP.

One item was presented for information and discussion:

- The Committee was briefed on the use of traffic volume estimates to evaluate the performance of the TPB travel demand model. Following a thorough review of traffic volume estimates, traffic counts that were “uncounted manual estimates”, not observed data, were eliminated. The presentation concluded that the performance of the travel demand model was consistently good throughout the traffic volume ranges once these “uncounted manual estimates” were removed from the traffic count data.

**TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES
ATTENDANCE - April 1, 2005**

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Frederick Co. -----
Gaithersburg -----
Montgomery Co. David Moss
Prince George's Co. Aaron Overman
Rockville -----
M-NCPPC
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 Prince George's Co. Faramarz Mokhtari

MDOT Ron Spalding
 Glen Smith
 Shiva Shrestha

VIRGINIA

Alexandria Maria White
Arlington Co. Nicole Lewis
City of Fairfax Alexis Verzosa
Fairfax Co. Tom Biesiadny
 Carl Winstead
Falls Church -----
Loudoun Co. Arthur Smith
Manassas -----
Prince William Co. Rick Canizales
NVTC -----
PRTC Karen Waterman
VRE -----
VDOT Kanathur Srikanth
VDRPT -----
NVPDC -----
VDOA -----

WMATA

WMATA Lora Byala

FEDERAL/OTHER

FHWA-DC -----
FHWA-VA Unwanna Bellinger

FTA -----

NCPC -----

NPS -----

MWAQC -----

COG Staff and Others

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Gerald Miller, COG/DTP
Mike Clifford, COG/DTP
Robert Griffiths, COG/DTP
Mark Pfoutz, COG/DTP
Jim Hogan, COG/DTP
Andrew Meese, COG/DTP
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