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TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD (TPB) MEETING

Date: April 20, 2005
Time: 12 noon
Place: COG Board Room

**A-G-E-N-D-A
(BEGINS PROMPTLY AT NOON)**

- 12 noon 1. **Public Comment on TPB Procedures and Activities** Chairman Mendelson

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 March 16, 2005 Meeting** Chairman Mendelson
- 12 :25 pm 3. **Report of Technical Committee** Mr. Mokhtari
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 Mendelson

ACTION ITEMS

- 12:50 pm 7. **Approval of Goals for a Regional System of Variably-Priced Lanes**..... Ms. Petzold

At the January 19, 2005 meeting, the Board received a report on a set of goals for a regional system of variably-priced lanes as developed by the TPB Task Force on Value Pricing for Transportation. The goals were developed to help ensure that variably-priced lanes in the region work as a multi-modal system, and to address the special policy and operational issues raised by the multi-jurisdictional nature of this area. The Board will be briefed on these goals and asked to approve them.

Action: Approve the enclosed Goals for a Regional System of Variably-Priced Lanes.

- 1:00 pm 8. **Review of Comments Received and Approval of Project Submissions for Inclusion in the Air Quality Conformity Assessment for the 2005 Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and FY 2006-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**Mr. Kirby

At its February 16, 2005 meeting, the Board was briefed on the submissions received from state, regional and local agencies for the 2005 CLRP and the FY 2006-2011 TIP. These submissions were released for public comment and agency review at the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on February 10. Because additional information on the submissions was received after February 10, the Board decided that the public comment period should be extended by releasing the updated project submission information at the March 16 TPB meeting. This extended public comment period ended on April 15, 2005. The Board will be briefed on the comments received and the recommended responses, and asked to approve the submissions for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis for the 2005 CLRP and the FY 2006-2011 TIP.

Action: Adopt Resolution R19-2005 to approve the project submissions for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis for the 2005 CLRP and the FY 2006-2011 TIP.

- 1:05 pm 9. **Approval of Letter to the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) Commenting on Its 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**Mr. Kirby

At the March 16 meeting, the Board was briefed on the MDPC's approval of draft Round 7.0 Cooperative Forecasts for use in the air quality conformity analysis of the 2005 CLRP and FY 2006-2011 TIP. The MDPC approval was subject to an evaluation by the planning directors of the impacts of the new forecasts upon transportation, affordable housing, air and water quality, and other policy areas. The Board will be briefed on a draft TPB letter to the

MDPC commenting on the MDPC's action, and asked to approve sending the letter to the MDPC.

Action: Approve the TPB letter commenting on the MDPC's approval of draft Round 7.0 Cooperative Forecasts for use in the air quality conformity analysis of the 2005 CLRP and FY 2006-2011 TIP.

- 1:15 pm 10. **Approval of Scope of Work for the Air Quality Conformity Assessment for the 2005 CLRP and FY 2006-2011 TIP**
..... Mr. Clifford, COG/DTP

At its February 16, 2005 meeting, the Board was briefed on the draft scope of work, which was released for public comment and agency review at the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on February 10. On March 16, the Board was briefed on comments received and proposed revisions to the scope of work. The Board decided that the public comment period should be extended by releasing the revised scope of work at the March 16 TPB meeting. This extended public comment period ended on April 15, 2005. The Board will be briefed on the comments received and the recommended responses, and asked to approve the scope of work for the air quality conformity assessment for the 2005 CLRP and the FY 2006-2011 TIP.

Action: Approve the enclosed scope of work for the air quality conformity assessment for the 2005 CLRP and the FY 2006-2011 TIP.

- 1:20 pm 11. **Approval of Regional Bike to Work Day 2005 Proclamation**
..... Mr. Ramfos

In an effort to increase public awareness of the viability of bicycle commuting in the Washington region, regional Bike to Work Day events are being organized at eighteen locations in the region on May 20, 2005. These events will encourage the business community and other regional decision-makers to support increased bicycle commuting through bicycle-friendly policies and initiatives.

Action: Approve the enclosed Bike to Work Day 2005 Proclamation.

- 1:25 pm 12. **Approval of a Process to Request TPB Local Jurisdictions to Consider Annual Funding Commitments for the Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Education Campaign** Mr. Farrell, COG/DTP

At the February 16 meeting, the Board was briefed on the committed local funding contributions and proposed activities for the 2005 safety education campaign entitled: "Street Smart," which is being planned for launch in June 2005. The Board asked for additional information on the incidence and causes of pedestrian and bicycle accidents and the

benefits of the campaign, and for a recommended process to request local jurisdictions for regular annual funding commitments for this regional campaign. On March 16, the Board was given a status report on the development of this additional information and recommended process. The Board will be briefed on this additional information and recommended process and asked to approve the process to request local jurisdictions for regular annual funding commitments for this regional campaign.

Action: Adopt Resolution R20-2005 to approve a process to request local jurisdictions for regular annual funding commitments for the regional pedestrian and bicycle safety education campaign.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1:35 pm 13. **Status Report on Staff Proposals for the FY 2006 Commuter Connections Work Program (CCWP)**
.....Mr. Kirby

The Board will be briefed on staff proposals for the FY 2006 CCWP. Staff has prepared options for restructuring and streamlining the Commuter Connections Program for consideration by the state funding agencies.

- 1:40 pm 14. **Review of Work Plan for Conducting the Financial Analysis for the 2006 Update to the Financially-Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP)**Mr. Kirby

Under federal planning regulations a triennial update to the CLRP for the Washington region is required in 2006. A key element of this update is a financial analysis which reviews and updates projected transportation revenues and costs for operating, maintaining, and expanding the regional transportation system through 2030. The Board will be briefed on the enclosed work plan for conducting the financial analysis for the 2006 CLRP.

- 1:45 pm 15. **Briefing on Recent Congressional Actions to Reauthorize the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)**
.....Mr. Kirby

The new Congress has begun actions to reauthorize TEA-21, the six-year surface transportation act which expired September 30, 2003. The Board will be briefed on the key issues in the House and Senate proposals and on the legislative steps that need to occur before the expiration of the current extension of the law on May 31, 2005.

- 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 a.m.