

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: June 18, 2008
Time: 12 noon
Place: COG Board Room

Meeting of the TPB Scenario Task Force: From 10:00 to 11:30 am, the task force will meet in the **COG Board Room** to review the development of the “CLRP Aspirations” and “What Would It Take” transportation and land use scenarios to be analyzed in FY 2009.

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 May 21 Meeting** Chairman Mendelson
- 12:25 pm 3. **Report of Technical Committee** Mr. Rawlings
Chair, Technical Committee
- 12:30 pm 4. **Report of Citizen Advisory Committee** Mr. Martin
Chair, Citizen Advisory Committee
- 12:40 pm 5. **Report of Steering Committee** Mr. Kirby
Director, Department of
Transportation Planning (DTP)
- 12:45 pm 6. **Chairman’s Remarks** Chairman Mendelson



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ACTION ITEMS

- 12:50 pm 7. **Approval of Amendments to the FY 2007-2012 TIP that are Exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to Update Funding for Five Existing Projects and Include Fourteen New Projects as Requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)**
..... Ms. Sorenson

At the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee(CAC) meeting on May 15, notice was provided that VDOT had requested amendments to the FY 2007-2012 TIP to update funding for five existing projects and to include fourteen new projects, as described in the enclosed material.

Action: Adopt Resolution R24-2008 to amend the FY 2007-2012 TIP to update funding for five existing projects and include fourteen new projects, as described in the enclosed material.

- 12:55 pm 8. **Approval of Projects for Funding Under the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Programs of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)**
..... Mr. Lovain, Chair,
TPB Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force
Ms. Newman, DTP

In the Fall of 2006 the TPB became the designated recipient of the FTA Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom program funding for the Washington Urbanized Area. These funds are for improving mobility options of low-income commuters and persons with disabilities. A project solicitation for JARC and New Freedom funds was conducted from January through April 30. In May, a selection committee chaired by Mr. Lovain reviewed the project applications and recommended that 12 projects be presented to the TPB for funding approval. The Board will be briefed on the solicitation and selection process and asked to approve the 12 projects for funding. The Board will also be briefed on the next project solicitation scheduled for early 2009.

Action: Adopt Resolution R25-2008 to approve 12 projects for funding under the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Programs of the Federal Transit Administration.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1:15 pm 9. **Briefing on Two Versions of the draft 2008 CLRP, the FY 2009-2014 TIP (with and without NVTA Funded Projects), and the Related Air Quality Conformity Assessments**
..... Mr. Kirby

At the February 20 meeting, the Board approved the major projects submitted for inclusion in the air quality conformity

assessment for the 2008 CLRP and FY 2009-2014 TIP. On April 16, the Board approved a contingency course of action which does not rely on Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) funding for the conformity assessment for the 2008 CLRP and FY 2009-2014 TIP. At the June 12 CAC meeting, these documents were released for public comment. The Board will be briefed on the two versions of the draft 2008 CLRP and FY 2009-2014 TIP (with and without NVTA funded projects), and the related conformity assessments. The Board is scheduled to approve one of these versions at its July 16 meeting.

- 1:20 pm 10. **Briefing on a Cost-Benefit Analysis Framework for Assessing Transit Investments, and on Possible Implications for Transportation Planning in the Washington Region**
 Mr. Lewis
 HDR-HLB Decision Economics, Inc.

In May 2007, Dr. David Lewis testified on the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts Program before the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. He concluded that in not recognizing the full economic value of transit projects, the New Starts process creates a risk of underinvestment in transit in American urban development. The Board will be briefed the enclosed paper that provides general guidance on a comprehensive analysis framework that ensures that all economic values are considered when assessing transit investments, and on possible implications for transportation planning in the Washington region.

- 1:45 pm 11. **Update on the Development of the "CLRP Aspirations" and "What Would It Take" Scenarios**
 Mr. Knapp, Chairman
 TPB Scenario Task Force
 Mr.
 Kirby

The TPB Scenario Task Force will meet prior to the TPB meeting on June 18 to review the development of the "CLRP Aspirations" and "What Would It Take" transportation and land use scenarios to be analyzed in FY 2009. The Board will be updated on the discussion to date about the two new scenarios.

- 1:50 pm 12. **Other Business**

- 2:00 pm 13. **Adjourn**

2 hours
 Lunch will be served to Board members and alternates at 11:30 am