

## REPORT

### TPB Citizens Advisory Committee

March 16, 2005

Dennis Jaffe, CAC Chair

The CAC met on March 10. The committee welcomed new members Jim Larsen (VA), Grace Malakoff (DC), Samantha Nolan (DC, alternate) and Kim Shiley (MD). This was the first official meeting of the 2005 committee since the TPB made the final CAC appointments in February.

The meeting featured a discussion with TPB Chair Phil Mendelson and a discussion of what the committee should focus on this year. Prior to the meeting, John Swanson of the COG/DTP staff provided an orientation on the TPB process to new members.

#### Discussion with TPB Chair Phil Mendelson

Chairman Mendelson discussed his priorities for 2005. He listed four issues on which he would like to see progress this year: 1) transit funding, 2) air quality, 3) land use and 4) reauthorization of the federal transportation legislation.

He described his recent efforts to get the state departments of transportation (DOTs) to explicitly identify in the Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP) how their transportation projects are contributing to three key regional priorities: 1) *emergency preparedness*, 2) *traffic signal optimization*, and 3) connectivity among *regional activity centers*. At Chairman Mendelson's request, the Solicitation Document for this year's CLRP update (the Solicitation Document lays out the process for submitting projects for the CLRP) included specific language asking the agencies to show how projects are meeting these three key priorities. CAC members expressed support for increasing the linkages between Chairman Mendelson's priorities and the CLRP development process.

Chairman Mendelson said he believes the TPB's strengths and powers are greater than have been exercised. In discussing the role of the CAC, he welcomed efforts by the committee to push the TPB to exert its powers more fully.

CAC members and Mr. Mendelson spoke about continuing attempts to improve the linkages between land use and transportation, particularly through the Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study. Mr. Mendelson said the CAC should continue to take a lead on the study.

#### Overview of the Constrained Long-Range Plan

John Swanson of the COG/TPB staff gave a briefing on the CLRP. He provided background on the definition and requirements of the CLRP. He described this year's CLRP

amendment process, including the anticipated schedule for this year's amendments and the projects that have been submitted.

Mr. Swanson also reminded the committee that the triennial update for the CLRP will occur next year in 2006. He said that the selection of projects for next year's update is happening this year, not next. He suggested the CAC and the public might want to start thinking about the projects they believe should be included, opportunities for public input and how the CLRP update can/should be used to highlight continuing funding shortfalls for transportation.

### **Development of the CAC agenda for 2005**

The committee began a structured brainstorming process to develop priorities for the year. Jill Locantore of the COG/TPB staff conducted the brainstorming session in which members each wrote down one idea they would like to focus on this year.

The top priorities identified by the committee are: 1) improving integration between land use and transportation, 2) dedicated funding for Metro, 3) the relationship between incident management and emergency preparedness, and 4) the need to evaluate the CLRP in reference to specific goals and criteria.

At the next meeting, the committee will discuss what activities and strategies can be planned to advance these issues.

## **ATTENDANCE** **CAC Meeting, March 10, 2005**

### **CAC Members in Attendance**

1. Dennis Jaffe, Chair, DC
2. Nathaniel Bryant, MD
3. Steve Cafilisch, MD
4. Steve Cerny, VA
5. Don Edwards, DC
6. Harold Foster, DC
7. Michael LaJuene, VA
8. Jim Larsen, VA
9. Grace Malakoff, DC
10. Allen Muchnick, VA
11. Lee Schoenecker, DC
12. Stewart Schwartz, VA
13. Kim Shiley, MD

### **CAC Members Not Present**

Emmet Tydings, MD  
Ephrem Asebe, MD

### **CAC Alternates Present**

Merle Van Horne  
Samantha Nolan

### **Staff/Others**

Phil Mendelson, TPB Chair  
Ron Kirby, COG/DTP  
Jill Locantore, COG/DTP  
John Swanson, COG/DTP  
Julie Ruszczyk, VDOT  
Glen Harvie