



MEMORANDUM

TO: TPB Technical Committee
FROM: Stacy Cook, TPB Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: April Board Work Session: Facilitated Review of Technical Inputs
DATE: March 25, 2021

BACKGROUND

On December 16, 2020 the TPB solicited inputs from its member agencies to update Visualize 2045, the region's long-range transportation plan (LRTP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the air quality conformity analysis of the LRTP and TIP. The TPB will make these proposed updates to Plan, TIP and the scope of work for the air quality conformity analysis available for public comment from April 2, 2021 – May 3, 2021. To aid in the review of the proposed changes, the TPB will publish, online: (1) a memorandum documenting the new major projects and significant changes to any major projects already in the plan, (2) project description sheets for all new projects, (3) project profiles for new or changed "major" projects, and (4) and the list of projects that will be included in the air quality conformity analysis. The TPB will also publish, online, the proposed scope of work for the air quality conformity analysis that documents the methodology that will be used to conduct the regional air quality analysis.

APRIL WORK SESSION: FACILITATED REVIEW OF TECHNICAL INPUTS

On April 21, 2021, prior to the TPB meeting, the TPB staff will hold a virtual work session to facilitate a review of the proposed projects – new and changes to major projects in the current Plan. This session will provide an opportunity for the TPB members and alternates to register comments on these inputs, discuss inputs with other members, and ask the submitting agencies questions about the inputs. The comments /questions will be summarized and provided to the appropriate agency for response. These summarized comments and questions, along with others received during the public comment period, will be documented, along with the responses. While there will be limited time for agencies to respond to questions/comments during the work session, agencies will have time until the May board meeting to respond to all comments and board questions.

During the May 2021 board meeting, the TPB staff will present the complete comment summary to the board, along with draft responses. At the June 2021 board meeting, the TPB will be presented with a finalized summary of the comments and responses and be asked to approve the proposed project and technical inputs to be included in the air quality conformity analysis.

PREPARATION FOR WORK SESSION

The TPB staff request that the TPB member transportation agencies identify a point person that will be able to attend the virtual session and will be prepared to respond to questions from board members for each major project input or existing project that has significant updates (submitted in

response to December 2020 solicitation). A point person should be available to speak to each project; in some cases, that might be the same person, in other cases, that might require additional point persons. The name and title/role of this person, and associated technical input that person can respond to questions about, should be provided to Stacy Cook by email: scook@mwkog.org by April, 7, 2021. This person will receive an invite to the WebEx for the work session.

WORK SESSION AGENDA

The work session will occur on April 21, 2021 and will be held from 10:30 A.M. - 11:55 A.M. prior to the April 2021 meeting. The agenda is as follows:

- 10:30 A.M. 1. Welcome, TPB Director Srikanth
- 10:35 A.M. 2. Purpose of the facilitated session, Chair Allen
- 10:40 A.M. 3. Brief staff summary of comment period materials, TPB Transportation Planner, Ms. Cook

Board Discussion and Questions for Submitting Agencies:

- 10:45 A.M. A. District of Columbia projects
- 11:00 A.M. B. Virginia projects
- 11:20 A.M. C. Maryland projects
- 11:45 A.M. D. Other projects / Technical Inputs
- 11:55 A.M. Adjourn