

# National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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## MEETING NOTICE

Date: June 17, 2009  
Time: 12 noon  
Place: COG Board Room

**Meeting of the TPB Scenario Task Force:** From 10:30 to 11:45 am, the task force will meet in the **COG Board Room** to review the project components submitted by TPB member agencies for a regional priority bus application under the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant program of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). On July 1, the task force will meet to finalize the components for the regional project. On July 15, the TPB will be asked to approve the submission of a regional project under the TIGER program by the due date of September 15.

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

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| 12 noon  | 1. | <b>Public Comment on TPB Procedures and Activities</b> .....  | Chairman Jenkins  |
|          |    | 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 two 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. | <b>Approval of Minutes of May 20 Meeting</b> .....  | Chairman Jenkins  |
| 12:25 pm | 3. | <b>Report of Technical Committee</b> .....  | Mr. Erenrich<br>Chair, Technical Committee                            |
| 12:30 pm | 4. | <b>Report of Citizen Advisory Committee</b> .....   | Mr. Keough<br>Chair, Citizen Advisory Committee                       |
| 12:40 am | 5. | <b>Report of Steering Committee</b> .....   | Mr. Kirby<br>Director, Department of<br>Transportation Planning (DTP) |
| 12:45 pm | 6. | <b>Chairman's Remarks</b> .....   | Chairman Jenkins  |



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**ACTION ITEMS**

- 12:50 pm 7. **Approval of Amendments to the FY 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Include Projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)** ..... Mr. Kirby

At the May 20 meeting, the Board amended the FY 2009-2014 TIP to include American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded projects for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), and Montgomery, Frederick, Prince George's and Charles Counties. The Board will be briefed on modifications to the FY 2009-2014 TIP as requested by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and Prince George's County, and on additional amendments to the FY 2009-2014 TIP to include ARRA projects as requested by VDOT and Charles County. The Board will be asked to amend the FY 2009-2014 TIP as described in the attached materials.

**Action:** Adopt Resolutions R32-2009 and R33-2009 to amend the FY 2009-2014 TIP to include ARRA projects as described in the attached materials.

- 12:55 pm 8. **Review of Comments Received and Approval of the Purple Line Light Rail Project Submission for the Air Quality Conformity Assessment for an Amendment to the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP** ..... Mr. Kirby

At the May 20 meeting, the Board was briefed on the project submission for an amendment to the 2009 CLRP to include the 16-mile Purple Line light rail between Bethesda and New Carrollton in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. On May 14 this submission and a draft conformity work scope were released for a public comment period which ends on June 13. The Board will be briefed on the comments received and recommended responses, and asked to approve the project submission for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment for an amendment to the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP.

**Action:** Adopt Resolution R34-2009 to approve the Purple Line Light Rail project submission for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment of an amendment to the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP.

- 1:00 pm 9. **Review of Comments Received and Approval of the Project Submission that Includes the Closure of the I-395 Southbound Exit Ramp to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW, the Reconfiguration of the Southbound Entrance and Northbound Exit Ramps, and the Reconnection of F and G Streets between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets NW in Conjunction with the "Return to L'Enfant" Planned Unit Development on the I-395 Air Rights between E Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW** ..... Mr. Kirby

At the May 20 meeting, the Board was briefed on the project submission for an amendment to the 2009 CLRP to include the key transportation components of the "Return to L'Enfant" development. These components are the closure of the I-395 Southbound Exit Ramp to 3rd Street NW, the reconfiguration of the Southbound Entrance and Northbound Exit Ramps, and the reconnection of F and G Streets NW

between 2nd and 3rd Streets. On May 14 this submission and a draft conformity work scope were released for a public comment period which ends on June 13. The Board will be briefed on the comments received and recommended responses, and asked to approve the project submission for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment for an amendment to 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP.

**Action:** Adopt Resolution R35-2009 to approve the project submission of the transportation components associated with the "Return to L'Enfant" development over I-395 for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment of an amendment to the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP.

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**Approval of Scope of Work and Budget for An Air Quality Conformity Assessment for An Amendment to the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP to Include the Projects Described in Items 8 and 9 Above**

..... Ms. Posey

At the May 20 meeting, the Board was briefed on MDOT and DDOT requests to amend the 2009 CLRP to include the Purple Line Light Rail Project and the transportation components associated with the "Return to L'Enfant" development over I-395. On May 14 the project submissions in items 8 and 9 together with a draft conformity work scope and budget were released for a public comment period which ends on June 13. The Board will be briefed on the comments received and recommended responses, and asked to approve the scope of work and budget for the air quality conformity assessment for an amendment to the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP. The draft conformity results for the amendment are scheduled to be released for public comment on September 10, and the TPB is scheduled to adopt the CLRP and TIP conformity analysis and amendment at its October 21, 2009 meeting.

**Action:** Approve the enclosed scope of work for the air quality conformity assessment for an amendment to the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP, and adopt Resolution R36-2009 to amend the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program to allocate \$32,000 each from the District of Columbia and Maryland Technical Assistance Programs to fund the assessment.

1:10 pm 11.

**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 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 February 4 through April 29. In May, a selection committee chaired by Mr. Lovain reviewed the project applications and recommended that ten 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 ten projects for funding. The Board will also be briefed on the next project solicitation scheduled for early 2010.

**Action:** Adopt Resolution R37-2009 to approve ten projects for funding

under the JARC and New Freedom Programs of the Federal Transit Administration.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 1:20 pm 12. **Briefing on the Draft 2009 CLRP and the FY 2010-2015 TIP, and the Related Air Quality Conformity Assessment** . . . . . Ms. Posey

At the February 18 and March 18 meetings, the Board approved the projects submitted for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment for the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP. On June 11 the draft 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP together with a conformity assessment were released for public comment at the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting. The public comment period for these documents ends on July 11. The TPB is scheduled to act on the plan, TIP amendments and conformity assessment at its meeting on July 15, 2009.

- 1:30 pm 13. **Update on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination (MATOC) Program** . . . . . Mr. Ey  
MATOC Facilitator

At the February 18 meeting, the Board was briefed on MATOC activities during the Presidential Inauguration, the first major event during MATOC's current initial trial phase. The Board will be briefed on continuing trial phase activities, as well as on ongoing preparations for full MATOC implementation.

- 1:40 pm 14. **Briefing on Integrating Freight into the 2010 Update of the CLRP**  
. . . . . Mr. Weissberg  
Chair, Freight Subcommittee  
Ms. Foster, DTP

The Board will be briefed on proposed activities to address freight movements in the 2010 update of the CLRP and to engage freight stakeholders in the region through the TPB Freight Subcommittee.

- 1:50 pm 15. **Update on the June 17 Scenario Task Force Meeting, the Development of a Regional Priority Bus Transit Project, and the June 24 TPB Conference: "Opportunities For Priority Bus Transit in the Washington Region"** . . . . . Ms. Tregoning  
Chair, Scenario Task Force  
Mr. Kirby

The TPB Scenario Task Force will meet prior to the June 17 TPB meeting to review the project components submitted by TPB member agencies for a regional priority bus application for funding under the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant program of ARRA. On July 1, the task force will meet to finalize the components for the regional project. On July 15, the TPB will be asked to approve the submission of a regional project under the TIGER program by the due date of September 15. The Board will also be briefed on the one-day conference to be held June 24 at the Washington Plaza Hotel on providing new transportation choices through transit prioritization strategies.

- 2:00 pm 16. **Other Business**

- 2:05 pm 17. **Adjourn**

2 hours 5 minutes

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