

Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee July 16, 2004

Meeting Summary

The Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC) met on July 16, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 in COG Meeting Room 1. Chair Spalding called the meeting to order and members introduced themselves.

Announcements

Paul DesJardin of the COG staff announced that the TPB Regional Mobility and Accessibility Joint Technical Working Group would meet immediately after the PDTAC meeting. Mr. DesJardin updated the Committee on recent accomplishments with “Reality Check” event planning. Mr. DesJardin also stated that the COG Board of Directors would convene their annual retreat on July 23-25 at Lansdowne and that much of the agenda would be devoted to growth and growth-related presentations.

Report on the ICC Expert Land Use Panel

Ronald Kirby, Director of Transportation Planning reminded noted that the expert land use panel had been convened as part of the Inter-County Connector (ICC) Corridor Study being conducted by the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA). Mr. Kirby stated that the ICC Expert Land Use Panel has been tasked with estimating the differences in the amount and location of future household and job growth for the ICC alternatives being evaluated in this study (including a no-build alternative). Mr. Kirby also stated that the results of the panel’s work will be incorporated into the ICC Environmental Impact Statement (ICC EIS). Mr. Griffiths stated that staff is working to obtain the final results of the panel’s work and how the results of the Expert Panel’s work might be used in the feedback to the Round 6.4 Cooperative Forecasts.

Briefing on Proposed Scope of Work for the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the CLRP and TIP and Relationship to the Round 6.4 Cooperative Forecasts

Ronald Kirby, Director of Transportation Planning for COG/TPB stated that during its April 21 meeting, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is scheduled to approve the proposed scope of work for the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2004 Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP) and 2005-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as well as the local transportation project submissions. Mr. Kirby stated that Included in the local transportation projects are two proposed alignments for the Inter-County Connector (ICC). Mr. Clifford discussed the proposed scope of work which describes the analytical approach, tasks and schedule for completing the analysis. Mr. Kirby discussed the relationship of the CLRP and TIP process to the draft Round 6.4 Cooperative Forecasts. PDTAC members discussed the need for analyzing the impacts of the two ICC alignments and the Round 6.4 Forecasts. Mr. Kirby stated that TPB staff would need any revisions to the Forecasts as soon as possible. Mr. Griffiths stated again that TPB staff would work to obtain summaries of the final

Expert Panel forecasts. Chair Spalding requested that Committee members from affected jurisdictions provide desired changes to COG staff by August.

Reports on Economic Trends in Metropolitan Washington, 1999 to 2003 and Commercial Construction Indicators, 2003

Greg Goodwin of the COG staff stated that COG monitors trends in the region's economy and reports the trends monthly and in an annual summary report to the Board. Mr. Goodwin presented the key findings contained in the report *Economic Trends in Metropolitan Washington, 1999 to 2003*. Mr. Goodwin presented information on several key regional economic indicators, including population growth, employment, construction activity, housing sales, income, retail sales and the number of passengers at the region's three major airports. In addition, Diana Farina of the COG staff will presented additional information on commercial construction from the *Commercial Construction Indicators – 2003 Summary Report*. Ms. Farina stated that this report provides information on the level of commercial construction activity by jurisdiction, structure type, relationship to Metrorail and commuter rail stations, and in Regional Activity Centers. Ms. Farina stated that more than 31 million square feet of space in 524 projects was started in 2003.

Update on Development of Land Use Scenarios for the TPB Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study

Mr. Griffiths stated that in 2003, the members of Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC) developed 5 alternative land use growth scenarios for the TPB Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study using the Round 6.3 Cooperative Forecasts. Mr. Griffiths stated that COG/TPB staff recently updated the scenarios using the new, draft Round 6.4 Cooperative Forecasts and briefed the Committee on results of this work.

Other Business

Chair Spalding announced that Committee members would be invited to suggest meeting topics and to make presentations on topics of their interest. Mr. Spalding stated that one such presentation could be Arlington County's "Form-based codes".

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. and Chair Spalding announced that the next PDTAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m.