

TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights

April 5, 2013

The Technical Committee met on April 5th at COG. Five items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda on April 17th.

- TPB agenda Item 7

The Committee was briefed on regional Bike to Work Day events being organized at seventy-two locations in the region for Friday May 17. At the April 17 meeting, the TPB will be asked to approve a proclamation making May 17 Regional Bike to Work Day 2013.

- TPB agenda Item 8

The Committee was briefed on the responsibilities of the TPB for measures and targets related to congestion mitigation and air quality under MAP-21, which calls for MPOs, state DOTs and public transportation providers to establish and use a performance-based approach to transportation decision making to support national goals. MAP-21 calls for USDOT to establish performance measures related to national goals for planning processes and for state DOTs, public transportation providers and MPOs to establish performance targets.

- TPB agenda Item 9

In response to a request at the February 20 TPB meeting, WMATA staff briefed the Committee on on-going activities and initiatives to increase ridership on the Metrobus system.

- TPB agenda Item 10

The “CLRP Aspirations” scenario, which was initially built off of the 2008 CLRP and reported to the TPB in October 2011, integrates a regional network of toll lanes and bus rapid transit with more concentrated growth in mixed-use activity centers. The Committee was briefed on the results of an update to this scenario utilizing the 2012 CLRP as the baseline, along with the Version 2.3 travel demand model and a more detailed transportation analysis zone structure.

- TPB agenda Item 11

The Committee was updated on the activities of the TPB task force to identify promising locations in the region to operate buses on the shoulders of highways. The first meeting of this task force was on October 17, the second on January 23, and the next meeting is scheduled prior to the TPB meeting on April 17.

Four items were presented for information and discussion:

- The Committee was briefed on the scope of work and schedule for a new study to identify strategic recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian access

improvements using a complete streets approach that will support housing and employment development close to rail stations. The study is funded under an FY 2012 FHWA Transportation, Community, and Systems Preservation (TCSP) Discretionary Grant to the TPB.

- Staff briefed the Committee on the steps underway to develop Transportation Emissions Reduction Measures (TERMs) for use in the 2013 CLRP & FY2013-18 TIP Air Quality Conformity Determination should the need for additional emissions reductions arise.
- The Committee was briefed on the final version of a more “user-friendly” guide and summary of the FY 2013-2018 TIP.
- At the December 19 meeting, the TPB received a request from the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership to adopt a regional Green Streets policy, parallel to the regional Complete Streets policy adopted by the TPB in May of 2012. The Committee was briefed on ongoing regional activities to address Green Streets, including the agenda for an April 8 workshop on Green Streets.

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ATTENDANCE - April 5, 2013**

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