

# The Regional Big Picture

Planning Session on Long-Range Plan Outreach  
 Transportation Planning Board  
 Citizens Advisory Committee  
 October 15, 2009




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Long-Range Transportation Plan

## Why are we here?

- We're putting together a new long-range plan and 6-year program
- We're planning to conduct public outreach
- Planning Schedule:
  - Project submissions in February
  - Approval in July





# The Planning Cycle







## What is the Constrained Long-Range Plan?

- 20-30 years
- NOT a wish list
  - Only includes projects that can be “reasonably anticipated” to be funded
  - Reflects the region’s priorities
- Projects must be in the CLR in order to qualify for federal funds
- CLR must “conform” to regional air quality goals

## State Long-Range Plans

- Virginia
  - VTrans2025
  - TransAction 2030
  - State Highway Plan
- Maryland
  - Maryland Transportation Plan (MTP)
- District of Columbia
  - Strategic Transportation Plan

## Financial Constraint

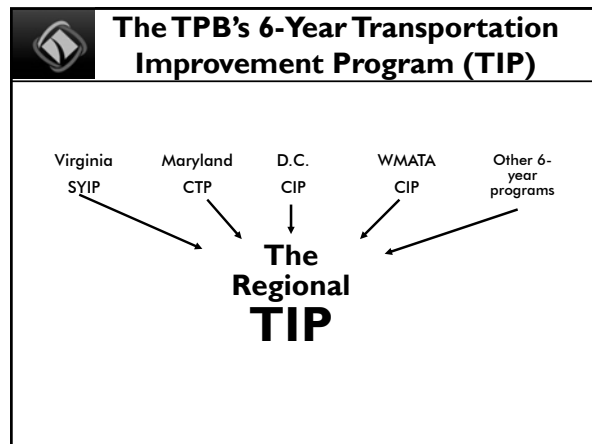
The CLR puts a financial squeeze on state and other unconstrained long-range plans.



LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

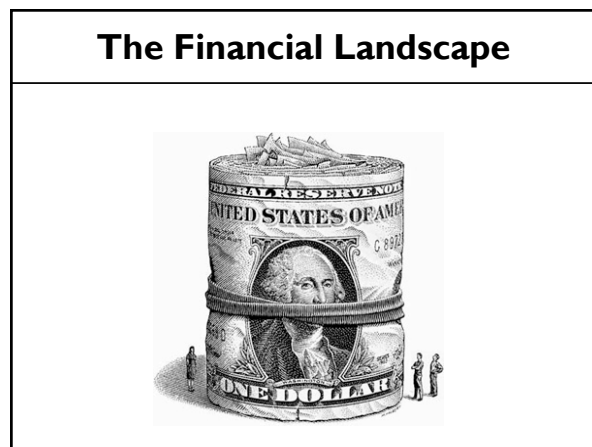
## 6-Year Programming

- Varies in every state
- But in every state:
  - Every new program begins with last year's program.
  - The DOTs take the lead.
  - State legislatures approve funding.



## What's different about this year's cycle?

- CLRP horizon extending to 2040
- New regional financial analysis



## Needs are growing

**Expected increases by 2030:**

Population:	24%
Jobs	28%
Driving (VMT):	21%
Lane miles of congestion:	30%
New lane miles:	12%

## The recession has hit hard

Washington Examiner.com  
The Examiner  
LOCAL, WORLD, REGIONAL, COMMENT, SPORT


The Washington Post  
Va. Expects Major Job, Funding Cuts  
Transportation  
The state's transportation budget is expected to decline and a number of state programs are being cut or reduced.

The Washington Post  
Metro Bracing to Make Further Cuts  
If Ridership Continues to Fall, Officials Could See a \$22.4 Million Budget Gap This Year  
Metro is projecting that declining ridership will create a \$22.4 million budget shortfall this fiscal year, forcing managers to urgently search for cuts in coming weeks.

**Six-year programs are stagnant**

No new projects were included in the FY 2010-2015 TIP and 2009 CLRP approved in July...

... Just delays and project cuts!

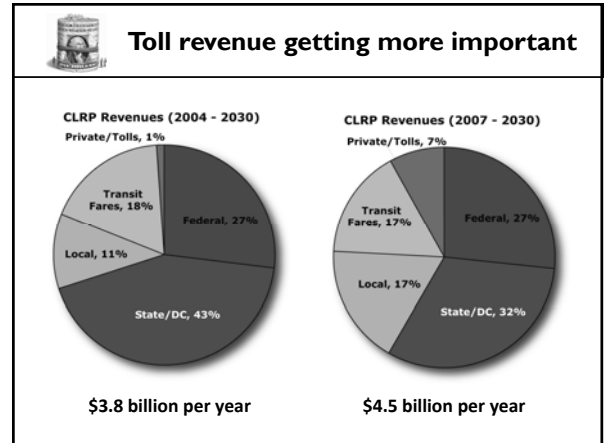
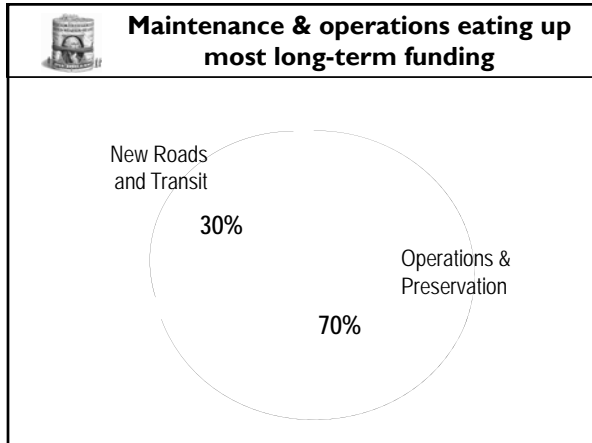


(The Purple Line and Return to L'Enfant are being added this fall)

**But the long-term financial shortfall is an old story...**



... in good times and bad!



**Metro's needs are acute**



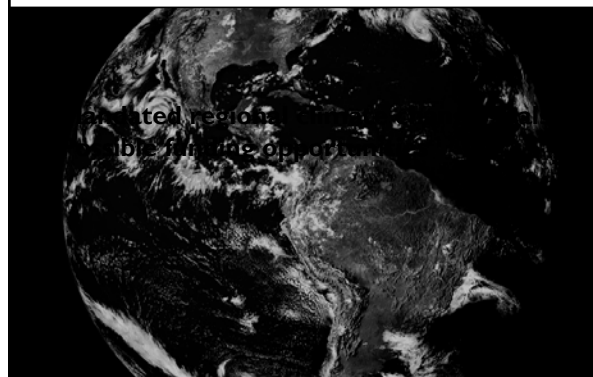
- Davis bill: \$1 billion over 5 years
- Needs: \$1.7 billion over 5 years

**Emerging context, new opportunities**

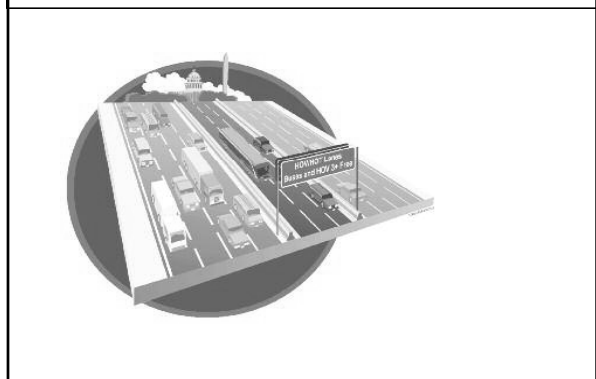
### Upcoming Federal Surface Transportation Legislation



### Proposals to address climate change



### New opportunities for road pricing?



### Cross-cutting challenges




## The TPB: Getting Ready for New Opportunities

### Examining alternatives through scenario analysis



### TIGER application demonstrated regional cooperation

- Federal grant request of \$280 million
- 20 projects




**Priority Bus Components**

- Priority Bus Stop
- Priority Boarding
- Priority Seating
- Priority Information
- Priority Assistance
- Priority Access
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### A range of regional programs

- Commuter Connections
- MATOC
- Access for All
- Bike/ped planning



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### The elements of an outreach strategy

- **Why** conduct outreach for the CLRP?
- **What** issues should we discuss with the public?
- **Who** should we reach out to?
- **When** should we conduct outreach?
- **How** can we address a variety of audiences?