ITEM 13 - Information

November 19, 2014

Briefing on the Development of a List of Unfunded Transportation Projects

Staff Recommendation: Receive briefing on the development of

a list of transportation projects which could not be included in the CLRP because funding has not been

identified.

Issues: None

Background: At the September TPB meeting, the

Board requested the development of a

list of transportation projects which could not be included in the CLRP

because funding has not been

identified. The TPB jurisdictions and agencies will be asked to provide recognized priority transportation

projects and their cost estimates for

inclusion in the regional list.

MEMORANDUM

November 12, 2014

To: Transportation Planning Board

From: Robert E. Griffiths,

Acting Co-Deputy Director of Transportation Planning

Subject: Development of List of Unfunded Transportation Projects

At the September 17, 2014 TPB meeting Board Member Jonathan Way from the City of Manassas asked staff to develop a list of the region's unfunded transportation projects. He noted that the draft CLRP Financial Plan stated that the region has many unfunded transportation needs, but it does not specify what those needs are or how much they would cost. He stated that it is as important for the region to know what is not currently being funded as well as what is being funded. Mr. Way suggested that this list of unfunded projects should include all transportation projects in the region that states and local governments had approved in their long-range plans, but were not currently included in the CLRP. This list should also include cost information about these projects.

At the October 9, 2014 TPB Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) discussed TPB member Jonathan Way's request that staff compile a list of planned, but unfunded transportation projects and passed a resolution stating that CAC supported his request. This CAC resolution also added a further request that the compilation of unfunded projects include a public participation component. The CAC saw the compilation of unfunded projects as opportunity to engage the public in a regional discussion about issues and projects they care about, and what it would take to achieve their funding and implementation.

As directed by the Board at its September 17, 2014 meeting, TPB staff proposes to work with the members of the TPB Technical Committee to compile this list of unfunded transportation projects. Staff will ask the TPB Technical Committee member from each member jurisdiction to provide a listing of all transportation projects in their jurisdiction that are in an approved plan, but not currently in the CLRP, but would be eligible to be included if funding were available and to provide a cost estimate and/or cost estimate range for each project in this list. It is expected that these unfunded projects would be drawn primarily from the Move DC Plan in the District of Columbia, the local jurisdiction MDOT priority letters in Maryland and the NVTA Transaction Plan 2040 in Virginia. In addition, local jurisdiction TPB Technical Committee members and TPB Technical Committee members representing WMATA, PRTC, NVTC, VRE and MARC will also be asked to provide a listing and cost estimates for unfunded projects in their approved transit plans.

TPB staff will compile these lists into a single document and present this information to the TPB for review. After review of the unfunded project listing by the TPB and at its direction, staff could work with the CAC on a process to engage the public in a regional discussion about these projects and what would be necessary to achieve their funding and implementation.