

**TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights****March 2, 2007**

The Technical Committee met on Friday, March 2 at COG. Seven items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda on March 21.

- TPB agenda Items 7 and 8

The Committee was briefed on minor revisions to the budget and the final draft UPWP document for FY 2008 (July 1,2007 through June 30,2008). Staff also reviewed the FY 2007 projects and associated budgets that will be carried over to FY 2008. The Committee recommended that the final version of the FY 2008 UPWP and the FY 2007 amendments and carryover funding be presented for the Board's approval at its March 21 meeting.

During the review of the travel demand model work activity, staff was asked about a recent press report on the estimation of transit ridership levels for new light rail or express bus projects under study in Maryland. Staff explained that for these studies the regional-level transit ridership estimated by the TPB demand model is utilized by consultants who apply their models to conduct corridor-level analysis. Consultants also apply their models to estimate ridership as input for the FTA's benefit-cost assessment, which determines federal funding eligibility for such projects. The press articles on these studies indicate that the consultants will require more time to refine their analysis and ridership estimates for these projects before they are submitted to FTA for review.

For several years TPB staff and other agency transit modelers have met regularly with consultants to review and address issues with the finer-grained corridor analyses and forecasts and their relationship with the regional level forecasting process. The current and FY 2008 demand model activity includes work tasks and consultant support to continue to enhance the regional-level transit forecasting process and to facilitate the use of the regional-level forecast data in corridor-level studies.

- TPB agenda Item 9

The Committee was briefed on the final draft Commuter Connections Work Program (CCWP) for FY 2008 (July 1,2007 through June 30,2008). The Committee recommended that the final version be presented for the Board's approval at its March 21 meeting.

- TPB agenda Item 12

The Committee received an overview of the 22 TLC applications received by February 28 from local jurisdictions for technical assistance to advance their transportation and land use coordination activities. The Committee was also briefed on a potential TPB application to VDOT for a grant under the Local and Regional Corridor Planning program to fund TLC technical assistance projects in Northern Virginia beginning in July 2007.

- TPB agenda Item 13

Staff briefed the Committee on the major projects for the 2007 CLRP submitted

by February 23 for the air quality conformity assessment. The Committee decided to hold a special meeting on March 9 to review the details on these projects before they are released for public comment at the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on March 15. Staff also reviewed the draft scope of work for the air quality conformity assessment.

- TPB agenda Item 14

Staff briefed the Committee on a draft of the first Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan for the National Capital Region. As required by SAFETEA-LU, it will guide project funding decisions for three FTA programs. The draft plan is scheduled to be approved by the TPB Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force on March 8 and released for public comment on March 15. The TPB will be asked to approve the plan on April 18.

- TPB agenda Item 15

The Committee was briefed on the on-going review of potential transportation emissions measures and the development of mobile source emissions budgets for the 8-hour ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Five items were presented for information and discussion:

- The Committee was briefed on activities to date for the Regional Value Pricing Study, which is funded by a grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The Committee was also briefed on the solicitation for urban partnership agreements with the US Department of Transportation to address congestion, and on the potential role of the TPB in such agreements.
- Staff demonstrated for the Committee the “beta” version of a visualization of the projects in the 2006 CLRP. This user-friendly program utilizes Google Earth on the web. The visualization format, project descriptions, and land use information to be depicted will be refined by staff and reviewed by the Committee over the next few months, and then presented to the TPB.
- Staff reviewed with the Committee the proposed process and timeline to develop a Public Participation Plan as required by SAFETEA-LU. Staff also summarized some preliminary observations from the on-going evaluation of TPB public involvement activities.
- The Committee received a review draft of the Spring 2006 Central Employment Area Cordon Count Report.
- Due to time limitations, a staff briefing on the version 2.2 travel demand model currently under review was deferred until the April 6 meeting .

**TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES  
ATTENDANCE - March 2, 2007**

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

DDOT	Mark Rawlings	FTA	Deborah Burns
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**MARYLAND**

Charles County	-----	NCPC	-----
Frederick Co.	-----	NPS	-----
Gaithersburg	-----	MWAQC	-----
Montgomery Co.	-----		
Prince George's Co.	-----		
Rockville	Katherine Kelly		
M-NCPPC			
Montgomery Co.	-----		
Prince George's Co.	Faramarz Mokhtari		
MDOT	Ian Beam		
	Shiva Shrestha		

**COG Staff and Others**

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 Andrew Austin, DTP  
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 Michael Farrell, DTP  
 Sarah Crawford, DTP  
 Beth Newman, DTP  
 Anant Choudary, DTP  
 Sunil Kumar, DEP  
 Leonard Wolfenstein, Farifax County DOT  
 Harry Sanders, Action Committee for Transit  
 Jack Van Dop, FHWA  
 Jeff Cole, Fluor  
 Tim young, Transurban  
 Jeniffer Aument, Transurban  
 Harriet Dietz, Land Design

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City of Fairfax	Alex Verzosa
Fairfax Co.	Tom Biesiadny
Falls Church	-----
Loudoun Co.	-----
Manassas	-----
Prince William Co.	Rick Canizales
NVTC	-----
PRTC	Anthony Foster
VRE	-----
VDOT	Kanathur Srikanth
VDRPT	-----
NVPDC	-----
VDOA	-----

**WMATA**

WMATA	Tom Harrington
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**FEDERAL/OTHER**

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FHWA-VA	-----