

Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee August 27, 2004

Meeting Summary

The Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC) met on August 27, 2004 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 in COG's Training Center. Chair Spalding called the meeting to order and members introduced themselves.

Announcements

Paul DesJardin of the COG staff announced that COG staff was seeking items for inclusion on the September 10 PDTAC meeting agenda. Members approved a recommendation to have a briefing from Arlington County staff on the County's "Form-Based Code" zoning. Due to several scheduling conflicts on September 10, Committee members agreed to postpone the next PDTAC meeting until Friday, October 15.

Report on the ICC Expert Land Use Panel

Ronald Kirby, Director of Transportation Planning for COG/TPB 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). Bob Griffiths, COG/TPB Technical Services Director, noted that the final report of the Expert Panel was not complete but that TPB staff had obtained the final forecasts prepared by the Panel members. Mr. Griffiths also stated that COG/TPB staff had provided copies of the summary tables with the PDTAC committee mailout materials. Mr. Griffiths discussed the summary tables of the final forecasts and answered questions from Committee members.

Action on Round 6.4A Cooperative Forecasts of Employment, Population and Households

Chairman Spalding stated that during its April meeting, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) approved 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. Spalding noted that included in the local transportation projects are two proposed alignments for the Inter-County Connector (ICC). Chair Spalding also stated that in July, PDTAC members were asked to consider the potential impacts of the ICC on the draft Round 6.4 Cooperative Forecasts and, as a result, several jurisdictions have submitted revisions to their forecasts. PDTAC members presented proposed revisions to the Round 6.4 Forecasts ("Round 6.4A") including transmittal letters and other supporting documentation. The PDTAC approved the Round 6.4A Forecasts and recommend that Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) approve them for use in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

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. Mr. Griffiths also stated that the MDPC and COG Board of Directors would be briefed on the initial results of the Study during their respective meetings on September 8.

Other Business

Chair Spalding announced that Committee members would be invited to suggest meeting topics and to make presentations on topics of their interest.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. and Chair Spalding reminded members that the September PDTAC meeting was cancelled and that the next scheduled meeting is for Friday, October 15 at 10:00 a.m.