

**Scope of Work and Process to Develop
A Regional Transportation Priorities Plan
for the National Capital Region**

Presentation to the National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board (TPB)

June 15, 2011

Purpose of a Regional Priorities Plan

- Identify 10-15 regional priorities above and beyond the CLRP that the TPB and the region can get behind
- Provide a source of specific programs and projects for discretionary funding opportunities like TIGER
- Include both long-range and immediate priorities that address regional goals and performance measures

Background

- Decade of TPB scenario planning and TLC activities based on 1998 TPB Vision; COG 2010 Region Forward Report used TPB Vision as one of four building blocks
- TPB hosted “Conversation on Setting Regional Transportation Priorities” on May 26, 2010
- TPB established Regional Priorities Task Force on July 21, 2010; four meetings between October 2010 and April 2011
- Draft Scope and Process presented at May 18 TPB meeting and released for public comment

Scope of Work Includes Three Major Tasks

Task 1: Reaffirm regional goals and agree upon performance measures

Task 2: Determine regional challenges and strategies to address them

Task 3: Develop regional priorities; advance as specific programs and projects in CLRP

Proposed Implementation Schedule

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Tasks	FY2011		FY2012				FY2013			FY2014
	Jan	June	July			June	July		June	August
Task 1										
Reaffirm Regional Goals and Agree Upon Performance Measures	[Solid Blue Bar]		[Solid Blue Bar]				[Dashed Blue Bar]			
Task 2										
Determine Regional Challenges and Strategies to Address Them		[Solid Blue Bar]	[Solid Blue Bar]				[Dashed Blue Bar]			
Task 3										
Develop Regional Priorities, both Funded and Unfunded			[Solid Blue Bar]				[Solid Blue Bar]			
Interim Reports		[Orange Triangle]					[Orange Triangle]			[Orange Triangle]
Public Outreach and Comment			[Purple Circle]	[Dashed Purple Line]				[Purple Circle]		[Purple Circle]
Final Report										[Red Square]

CAC Questions

- At the May 18 TPB meeting, the CAC presented a list of questions organized under four bullet points
- TPB staff responses were included in revised scope and process, and presented at June 9 CAC meeting
- CAC voted unanimously at June 9 meeting to support Item 9 on June 15 TPB agenda

Key Points in Response to CAC Questions

- A continuing process over a two-year period, with interim and final reports, and oversight by the TPB
- Strategies to address regional challenges can be suggested by many different agencies and groups
- Public participation will be sought at each and every stage of the two-year process
- The CAC is invited to suggest specific public involvement ideas or techniques

Proposed Regional Priority for the Short-Term

<u>Goal:</u>	Promote Accessibility of Activity Centers
<u>Performance Measures:</u>	Jobs & Housing Balance in Activity Centers 2011-2040
<u>Regional Challenge:</u>	Focus Jobs & Housing in Activity Centers to promote an efficient transportation system
<u>Regional Strategy:</u>	Use transportation improvements to promote mixed use development around rail stations to increase rail system productivity
<u>Regional Priority:</u>	Identify “Complete Streets” accessibility opportunities around rail stations
<u>Specific Program:</u>	Implement specific “Complete Streets” projects at the most promising locations

Short-Term Funding Opportunities

- FHWA TCSP Program: \$61 million available, proposals due June 3
 - Submitted a \$200K planning grant application to identify “Complete Streets” accessibility opportunities throughout the region
- USDOT TIGER III Program announcement expected June/July 2011 – will need to review detailed requirements