

**TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights**

**September 6, 2013**

The Technical Committee met on September 6<sup>th</sup> at COG. Five items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda for September 18th.

- TPB agenda Item 7

The Committee was briefed on highlights from the 2013 State of the Commute Survey, which has been conducted every three years since 2001.

- TPB agenda Item 8

In March 2011, the Regional Freight Planning Subcommittee presented a list of highlighted freight transportation projects to the TPB which included one long-term and one short-term project for each freight railroad and one each for the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. The Committee was briefed on an update of the list of regional highlighted freight projects.

- TPB agenda Item 9

District Department of Transportation (DDOT) staff briefed the Committee on the Long Bridge Study, which is assessing potential inter-modal connectivity and operations improvements to the bridge, and analyzing long-term multimodal capacity investments that include future operating requirements of high-speed and intercity passenger rail, commuter rail, and freight services over the Potomac River.

- TPB agenda Item 10

In January, the TPB was briefed on the draft report on a study of the public acceptability of congestion pricing in the region which was sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Value Pricing Program. The Committee was updated on this report, which has been finalized to respond to comments from the FHWA. The Committee was also briefed on the implications of MAP-21 requirements and restrictions regarding the establishment of tolls on existing lanes.

- TPB agenda Item 11

The TPB Regional Transportation Priorities Plan (RTPP) is being developed to identify regional strategies that offer the greatest potential contributions toward addressing regional challenges. The draft RTPP was released for public comment on July 24. The Committee was briefed on comments received and on potential revisions to the priorities plan

Four items were presented for information and discussion:

- At the February 20 meeting, the TPB requested an update on traffic signal timing in the Washington region, as had been compiled in previous years as part of an air quality Transportation Emissions Reduction Measure (TERM). The Committee was briefed on the results of a survey on traffic signal timing in the region.
- At the December 19 meeting, the TPB received a request from the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership to adopt a regional Green Streets policy, parallel to its adopted regional Complete Streets policy. The Committee was briefed on a draft regional Green Streets policy.
- In response to a request from WMATA staff regarding the past performance of regional transit forecasts, a technical analysis was completed to investigate how well TPB transit forecasts prepared almost 20 years ago compared to actual 2010 regional transit ridership. The Committee was briefed on the analysis.
- The Committee was updated on the latest developments regarding US DOT regulations on performance measures under MAP-21.

**TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES  
ATTENDANCE - September 6, 2013**

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

DDOT                    Mark Rawlings  
DCOP                    Dan Emerine

**MARYLAND**

Charles County        -----  
Frederick Co.         Ron Burns  
City of Frederick     -----  
Gaithersburg         -----  
Montgomery Co.      Gary Erenrich  
Prince George's Co.  Kevin Thornton  
Rockville             -----  
M-NCPPC  
  Montgomery Co.    -----  
  Prince George's Co. -----  
MDOT                 Lyn Erickson  
                             Vaughn Lewis  
                             Matt Baker  
  
MTA                    -----  
Takoma Park         -----

**VIRGINIA**

Alexandria            Pierre Holloman  
Arlington Co.        Dan Malouff  
City of Fairfax        -----  
Fairfax Co.            Mike Lake  
Falls Church         -----  
Loudoun Co.          Robert Brown  
Manassas             -----  
Prince William Co.  Monica Backmon  
NVTC                  Clair Gron  
PRTC                  Nick Alexandrow  
VRE                    Christine Hoeffner  
VDOT                  Kanathur Srikanth  
                             Norman Whiteker  
  
VDRPT                 Tim Roseboon  
NVPDC                -----  
VDOA                  -----

**WMATA**

WMATA                Michael Eichler

**FEDERAL/OTHER**

FHWA-DC              -----  
FHWA-VA              -----  
FTA                    Melissa Barlow  
NCPC                  -----  
NPS                    -----  
MWAQC                -----  
MWAA                 -----

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Ron Kirby, DTP  
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Nick Ramfos, DTP  
John Swanson, DTP  
Michael Farrell, DTP  
Mark Pfoutz, DTP  
Ron Milone, DTP  
Andrew Meese, DTP  
Karin Foster, DTP  
Eric Randall, DTP  
Rich Roisman, DTP  
Marco Trigueros, DTP

**Other Attendees**

Michael Wewitt, WMATA  
Rick Rybeck, Just Economics LCC  
Cindy Petkac, USRC  
Jeff Dehan, Prince George's Co.  
Vic Siaurusaitis, Bakor Engineering  
Lezlie Rupert, DDOT  
Eulois Cleckley, DDOT  
Bill Orleans