

TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights**May 4, 2007**

The Technical Committee met on Friday, May 4 at COG. Four items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda on May 16.

- TPB agenda Item 7

VDOT staff briefed the Committee on clarifying information provided in response to questions raised at the April 18 TPB meeting on the major Virginia project submissions for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment for the 2007 CLRP and FY 2008-2013 TIP. The Committee suggested modifications to several of the VDOT responses.

- TPB agenda Item 8

Staff briefed the Committee on the work tasks and revised schedule for conducting the air quality conformity assessment of the 2007 CLRP and FY 2008-2013 TIP.

- TPB agenda Item 9

Staff briefed the Committee the draft work scope and schedule for an air quality conformity assessment of an amendment to the 2006 CLRP and FY 2007-2012 TIP to include construction of an interchange at US 340 and Jefferson Technology Park in Frederick County.

- TPB agenda Item 11

The Committee was briefed on the Access for All (AFA) Committee's recommendations to improve transit information for Limited English speakers.

Seven items were presented for information and discussion:

- Staff updated the Committee on activities to date to develop TPB responses to the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) resolutions presented to the TPB on September 20, 2006, which present its policies with respect to the allocation and sharing of FTA formula funds for the Washington urbanized area. Staff reviewed a draft letter to FAMPO outlining potential TPB responses and recommendations on each of the FAMPO policies. Staff also reviewed a WMATA Board Resolution of January 27, 2000 regarding regional allocation of federal transit funds, and discussed the implications of the resolution for the TPB response to FAMPO.
- Staff gave a status report on the six Transportation/Land Use Connection (TLC) Pilot Program technical assistance projects to be completed by June 30, 2007. Staff also briefed the Committee on the development of the Web-based TLC Clearinghouse that documents local and state experiences with land use and transportation coordination.
- Staff briefed the Committee on the development of a report written for policymakers and the public that will summarize the travel trends and changing commuting patterns in the Washington region.

- The Committee was briefed on the development of the Congestion Management Process (CMP) which is required by SAFETEA-LU, and on a draft outline of the CMP report which is to be included in the 2007 CLRP.
- The Committee was updated on activities of the pilot project using volunteer drivers to enhance the monitoring of congestion on arterial highways.
- Staff briefed the Committee on observations and recommendations from the evaluation of TPB public involvement activities which will inform the TPB Participation Plan. Staff also reviewed a draft outline of the participation plan. The plan is scheduled to be presented to the TPB in June and released for public comment in July.
- Staff briefed the Committee on the draft final report of the consultant study for enhancing consideration of freight in regional transportation planning.
- Due to time constraints, a review of how key provisions of the final USDOT transportation planning regulations, which were issued February 14, 2007, are being addressed in the TPB planning process was deferred.

**TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES
ATTENDANCE - May 4, 2007**

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