

# National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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Item #5

## **MEMORANDUM**

**May 9, 2013**

**TO:** Transportation Planning Board

**FROM:** Ronald F. Kirby  
Director, Department of  
Transportation Planning

**RE:** Letters Sent/Received Since the April 17<sup>th</sup> TPB Meeting

The attached letters were sent/received since the April 17th TPB meeting. The letters will be reviewed under Agenda #5 of the May 15<sup>th</sup> TPB agenda.

Attachments



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April 17, 2013

The Honorable Martin J. O'Malley  
Maryland Governor  
State House  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1925

The Honorable Anthony G. Brown  
Maryland Lieutenant Governor  
State House  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1925

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller  
President, Maryland State Senate  
State House H-107  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates  
State House H-101  
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Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

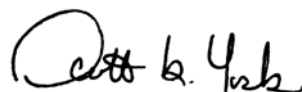
Dear Governor O' Malley, Lieutenant Governor Brown and Leaders of the Maryland General Assembly:

In a letter to you dated December 31, 2012 the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington region, expressed its support for your efforts to enact revenue increases for transportation. The letter provided background information underscoring the urgent need for additional revenues to ensure that the region's highway and transit systems are adequately maintained and have the capacity to support anticipated population and employment growth in the region. The letter also provided examples of approaches for raising transportation revenues that have been implemented in other states and localities throughout the country.

The TPB would like to take this opportunity to thank you for enacting a bill that employs reliable sources to significantly increase transportation revenues for present and future years. The bill will provide additional statewide revenues as well as establish a Task Force to address major local and regional transportation challenges in the future. The TPB recognizes that extensive negotiation and compromise were needed in crafting this bill, and greatly appreciates your leadership and dedication in reaching a successful outcome.

Please feel free to contact me at [Scott.York@loudoun.gov](mailto:Scott.York@loudoun.gov) or Ronald Kirby, staff director to the TPB, at [rkirby@mwcog.org](mailto:rkirby@mwcog.org), if there is any additional information or support that the TPB can provide in the implementation of this important and much needed new legislation.

Sincerely,



Scott K. York  
Chairman  
National Capital Region  
Transportation Planning Board



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April 17, 2013

The Honorable Ray LaHood  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood,

The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Metropolitan Washington Area, greatly appreciates your efforts and those of USDOT staff to provide opportunities for input and consultation on the development of transportation performance measures and targets required under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) legislation, which became effective on October 1, 2012. The TPB looks forward to working closely with the USDOT and our state and transit agency partners in the implementation of this new performance-based approach to transportation decision-making.

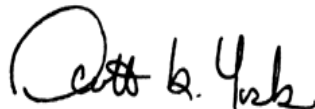
MAP-21 calls upon MPOs like the TPB to provide for a performance-based approach within their metropolitan planning processes. Larger MPOs with over one million people are required to develop a performance plan under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program that includes “an area baseline level for traffic congestion and on-road mobile source emissions for which the area is in nonattainment or maintenance”, describes progress in achieving performance targets for emission and traffic congestion reduction, and describes how projects funded under the CMAQ program contribute to achieving these targets. In developing an approach to addressing these responsibilities under the CMAQ program, the TPB is very interested in participating in the consultation process with USDOT on how performance measures and targets are to be established for mobile source emissions and traffic congestion.

With regard to mobile source emissions, the TPB is hopeful that the USDOT will develop performance measures that are consistent with the existing air quality conformity requirements under the Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) of 1990. The TPB already devotes substantial resources on an ongoing basis to the development of mobile source emissions estimates for the Washington region, and to their use in the development of air quality plans and determinations of conformity to these plans under regulations promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Building on performance measures already established under the EPA requirements would ensure consistency between MAP-21 and CAAA provisions, and minimize the need for additional technical and policy analyses under MAP-21.

With regard to traffic congestion, the TPB suggests that USDOT focus on the development of measures that are meaningful to and easily understood by the general public, can be quantified using data that are readily available to MPOs throughout the country, and can be disaggregated by location and time-of-day within MPO areas to permit target-setting by MPOs that is responsive to locally-established goals and the resources reasonably expected to be available for the transportation system. A single measure like “average congestion delay per commuter,” for which the Washington region is ranked first in the country by the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI), is helpful in quantifying congestion at the regional level, but does not capture the significant differences in congestion levels by location, direction, and time-of-day throughout the region, the high levels of ride-sharing and transit use (including congestion on the transit system) in the region, or the multi-modal performance of major corridors and facilities in terms of the movement of people. Furthermore, while traffic congestion reduction is an important goal for certain locations and time periods, the benefits and costs of traffic congestion strategies must be assessed with all of the goals of the transportation system in mind. In some locations, for example, an increase in traffic congestion may be acceptable in order to achieve goals related to encouraging balanced development throughout the region, including concentrated mixed use development along with increased use of pedestrian and bicycle facilities and other alternatives to single-occupancy vehicle travel.

Thank you for considering these comments on the development of MAP-21 performance measure and target-setting procedures. Please feel free to contact me at [Scott.York@loudoun.gov](mailto:Scott.York@loudoun.gov) or Ronald Kirby, Director of Transportation Planning for the TPB at [rkirby@mwkog.org](mailto:rkirby@mwkog.org) , if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott York". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "S".

Scott York  
Chairman  
National Capital Region  
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## COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

April 25, April 30, & May 4

### FINAL AGENDA

#### MODULE 1: TPB and the Regional Transportation Landscape

Thursday, April 25, 2013

The Navy League Building | 2300 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201

6:00 – 9:00 pm

**6:00 – 6:30**

**Registration and Dinner**

**6:30 – 7:00**

**Introductions and Transportation Prioritization Icebreaker**

An ice-breaker and pyramid exercise based on participants' priority transportation projects will help simulate the complexity of regional transportation decision-making.

**7:00 – 7:20**

**Welcoming Remarks**

Kathy Porter, CLI Facilitator

*Board Member, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority*

*Former Mayor, City of Takoma Park*

**7:20 – 7:45**

**Overview of the TPB and Regional Transportation Challenges**

What is the Transportation Planning Board and how does it serve the Metropolitan Washington Region? This presentation will answer these questions, and address some questions that were submitted by participants in advance of CLI.

**7:45 – 8:00**

**BREAK**

**8:00 – 8:45**

**Roleplay Activity: Strategizing for Change (Part I)**

This role-playing exercise will guide participants through the process of gathering information on local projects in order to experience the relationships among different agencies, officials and community leaders.

**8:45 – 9:00**

**Wrap Up and Prep for Tuesday**

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## **MODULE 2: Transportation Decision-Making: How does it all work?**

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Montgomery County Planning Department | 8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD, 20910

6:00 – 9:00 pm

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| <b>6:00 – 6:25</b> | <b>Arrival and Dinner</b>   |
| <b>6:25 – 6:30</b> | <b>Welcome</b>  |
| <b>6:30 – 7:30</b> | <b>Roleplay Activity: Strategizing for Change (Part II)</b><br>Participants will role-play in groups to develop community action plans with specific recommendations to inform policy priorities of a locally elected official.   |
| <b>7:30 – 7:45</b> | <b>BREAK</b>  |
| <b>7:45 – 8:00</b> | <b>Presentation: Transportation Project Development</b><br>A basic overview of the regional transportation planning process, including major players and effective involvement strategies   |
| <b>8:00 – 8:10</b> | <b>Presentation: Bus Rapid Transit in Montgomery County</b><br>Marc Elrich, Montgomery County Council and TPB Member  |
| <b>8:10 – 8:40</b> | <b>Group Debrief on Strategizing for Change and Transportation Project Development</b><br>Participants will share their experiences from the role-play activity, have an opportunity to ask questions about the presentation, and debrief through a facilitated discussion. |
| <b>8:40 – 9:00</b> | <b>Wrap Up and Prep for Saturday</b>  |



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## MODULE 3: Transportation and Land-Use: Connecting the Dots

Saturday, May 4, 2013

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments | 777 North Capital Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002

9:00 am – 1:45 pm

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| <b>9:00 – 9:15</b>   | <b>Registration and light breakfast</b>  |
| <b>9:15 – 9:30</b>   | <b>Presentation: What If the Washington Region Grew Differently?<br/>Part I: Regional Challenges</b><br>A presentation on the challenges of growth in the region and the factors that influence travel congestion.   |
| <b>9:30 – 10:00</b>  | <b>Activity: “What Would You Do?” – Part I: Accommodating Future Growth</b><br>Working in groups with a regional map, participants will create transportation and land-use scenarios that address regional challenges.   |
| <b>10:00 – 10:10</b> | <b>BREAK</b>   |
| <b>10:10 – 10:50</b> | <b>Activity: “What Would You Do?” – Part II: Paying for Transportation</b><br>Working in groups, participants will make decisions about how to pay for transportation improvements, including generating new revenue.  |
| <b>10:50 – 11:30</b> | <b>Group Report and Debrief on “What Would You Do?” Activity</b>   |
| <b>11:30 – 12:00</b> | <b>Presentation: What if the Washington Region Grew Differently?<br/>Part II: Exploring Options</b><br>A presentation summarizing recent and ongoing efforts by the TPB to analyze options and influence investment.   |
| <b>12:00 – 12:30</b> | <b>Learnings, Take-Aways, and Evaluation</b><br>Participants will have the opportunity to share feedback on the CLI.   |
| <b>12:30 – 1:30</b>  | <b>Graduation Luncheon</b><br>Luncheon will feature Ron Kirby, Director of Transportation Planning at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, and CLI Alumni panelists to discuss the importance of citizen involvement, life after CLI, and the CLI Alumni Network. |
| <b>1:30-1:45</b>     | <b>Closing and Evaluations</b>   |

**Community Leadership Institute – Spring 2013  
FINAL Participant List**

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**John Swanson**, COG/TPB staff, [jswanson@mwkog.org](mailto:jswanson@mwkog.org)

### GUEST SPEAKERS AND FACILITATORS

**Kathy Porter**, Former TPB Chair, Former Mayor, City of Takoma Park

**Marc Elrich**, TPB Board Member, Councilmember, At-Large, Montgomery County

**Tania Hossain**, CLI Alumna

**Michael Proffitt**, CLI Alumnus

**Fionnuala Quinn**, CLI Alumna

### RESOURCES

**Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments:** <https://www.mwkog.org>

**TPB News:** [www.mwkog.org/tpbnews](http://www.mwkog.org/tpbnews)

**TPB Weekly Report:** [www.mwkog.org/tpbweeklyreport](http://www.mwkog.org/tpbweeklyreport)

**TPB Information HUB (test site):** <http://live.mwkog.gotpantheon.com>

**CLI Alumni Network:** [www.mwkog.org/clialumni](http://www.mwkog.org/clialumni)

**CLI website:** [www.mwkog.org/cli](http://www.mwkog.org/cli)