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Date: September 17, 2009

To: Travel Forecasting Subcommittee (TFS)

From: Ron Milone, TPB

Re: Review of FY-2009 Draft Task Order Reports

TPB has retained the services of a consultant for the past few years, to provide ongoing technical support and guidance in the area of travel model development on a task-order basis. The consultant currently under retainer is Cambridge Systematics, Inc. (CS). During the previous fiscal year (FY-2009), TPB staff asked CS to investigate a number of wide-ranging subject areas of interest to staff and/or TPB members. The investigations resulted in five technical reports:

- Fuel Prices in Travel Models (Task 2)
- Recommended Approach to Near-Term Model Enhancements (Task 3)
- Framework for Before-and-After Study of HOV Network Effects Due to New HOT Lanes (Task 4)
- Improving the Model's Sensitivity to Land Use Policies and Nonmotorized Travel (Task 5)
- Recommendations on Feedback Convergence Methods (Task 6)

CS staff has previously presented on the above items to the TFS. Task items 2 through 4 were presented at the November 21, 2008 meeting, while Tasks 5 and 6 were presented on July 19, 2009. The presentations generated a great deal of discussion among TPB staff and TFS members.

The draft reports have now been unified into a report, entitled "Fiscal Year 2009 Task Reports, Draft Final Report," which can be found by going to the TFS home page ([http://www.mwcog.org/transportation/committee/committee/default.asp?COMMITTEE\\_ID=43](http://www.mwcog.org/transportation/committee/committee/default.asp?COMMITTEE_ID=43)) and clicking on "Documents."

The reports have already been reviewed internally by TPB staff. TPB normally allows TFS members the opportunity to further review these types of technical documents before removing the draft stamp. We ask that you provide TPB staff with your comments within the next 30 days. We appreciate your assistance and value your feedback.