

## National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board

FROM: Gerald Miller and Robert Griffiths  
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SUBJECT: Release of the Draft of the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan (RTPP)  
for Public Comment

DATE: December 12, 2013

Today we are releasing a revised draft of the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan for a 30-day public comment period. The document can be found at [www.mwcog.org/transportation/priorities](http://www.mwcog.org/transportation/priorities).

As a tribute to Ron Kirby, we decided in November that this Plan should move toward approval as quickly as possible. But we also recognized that there were continuing concerns with the document that needed to be addressed in a new draft. Over the past few weeks, TPB staff members have conducted intensive outreach to identify ways in which the earlier draft could be revised to respond to continuing concerns and build consensus for approval. This revision process included a number of individual discussions and meetings, as well as a special work session on December 5 and a lengthy discussion at the TPB Technical Committee meeting on December 6.

The changes in the new draft were carefully crafted to respond, fully and appropriately, to comments that have been received since mid-October. We believe that this latest version of the document, taken as a whole, will reflect broad consensus among TPB members and regional stakeholders.

Prior to the TPB meeting on December 18, we will conduct a work session at 10:30 a.m. in Room One to discuss the new draft. At the TPB meeting itself, a short presentation will be given on the Plan.

At the January 15 TPB meeting, the Plan is currently scheduled for Board action.

We wish to thank the many TPB members and stakeholders who have provided useful input in recent weeks as part of our effort to build consensus. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us or John Swanson of our staff.