

Meeting Highlights: TPB Technical Committee February 2017

February 9, 2017

The Technical Committee met on February 3, 2017 in the Ronald F. Kirby Training Center at COG. The following items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB's February agenda:

- **TPB agenda item 7**

The committee discussed a TPB Bylaws amendment proposed by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) that would change the membership requirements of the "designated alternate" board member. MDOT gave notice at the January 18 TPB meeting that it was proposing the TPB Bylaws amendment. The board is scheduled to act on the amendment at its meeting on February 15.

- **TPB agenda item 11**

The committee was briefed on the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY 2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018). The draft UPWP will be presented to the TPB at its February meeting and the board will be asked to approve it at its March 15 meeting.

- **TPB agenda item 12**

The committee was briefed on the draft Commuter Connections Work Program (CCWP) for FY 2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018). The draft CCWP will be presented to the TPB at its February meeting and the board will be asked to approve it at its March 15 meeting.

- **TPB agenda item 10**

TPB staff provided a brief status report on the Long-Range Plan Task Force. At the TPB meeting on January 18, TPB Chairman Newton distributed a draft resolution, which elicited comments from board members. The Technical Committee members discussed the comments that were made and their perceptions of the implications of the approaches that have been proposed for the task force.

- **TPB agenda item 13**

The committee discussed a proposal by VDOT to amend the FY 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include project and funding updates for the Northern Virginia section of the TIP. VDOT staff noted that these projects are already included in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2016 CLRP Amendment and the FY 2017-2022 TIP or are exempt from the air quality conformity requirement.

The following item were presented for information and discussion:

- **Status Report on the Equity Emphasis Areas Map for the Proposed Enhancements to the Title VI/Environmental Justice Analysis of the CLRP**

At the TPB's January meeting, the board voted to postpone approval of the "Equity Emphasis Areas" map so that staff and board members could reexamine and potentially revise the methodology for identifying the areas. Staff briefed the committee on proposed changes in the methodology. A revised map is expected to be brought back to the TPB for consideration in March.

- **Transportation and Land Use Connections (TLC) Program Update**

Staff presented a status report on the current TLC projects and also provided the schedule for the next round of TLC projects.

- **Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP)**

Staff provided highlights from the final rules for System Performance (NHS, Freight, CMAQ Program), Pavement and Bridge Condition, and Transit Safety.

- **PBPP - Coordination on MAP-21 Safety Performance Provisions**

Staff from the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration provided a brief review of the five highway safety performance measures and discussed of how they fit into Maryland's ongoing efforts to reduce fatalities and serious injuries. The presentation also included a description of Maryland's target setting methodology for the MAP-21/FAST highway safety performance measures.

- **Transit Asset Management Initial Performance Targets for 2017 – Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transit (DRPT)**

This requirement is applicable to all agencies that operate transit services and the agency or its jurisdictions that receive federal transit funds. The committee was briefed on DRPT's targets for 2017 and the group plan which DRPT is preparing for Tier II providers in the Commonwealth. One of the performance areas established by the federal agencies is Transit Assets.

- **Analysis of Transportation Impacts of WMATA's SafeTrack Program**

Staff briefed the committee on plans to analyze the regional transportation impacts of WMATA's SafeTrack program. TPB staff will be reaching out to collect supporting data, including transit ridership, bike counts, and other relevant data.

- **Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform Final Rule**

The US DOT finalized its proposed rule on Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Coordination and Planning Area Reform on December 20, 2016. The committee was briefed on the changes made to the final rule and the time frame for MPOs to comply with the new requirements.

- **Access for All Advisory Committee Comments on the WMATA Budget**

Staff briefed the committee on AFA comments expressing concerns about WMATA's proposed budget. Copies of the comments were included in the Item 5 materials for the TPB's meeting on February 15.

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ATTENDANCE – February 3, 2017**

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