

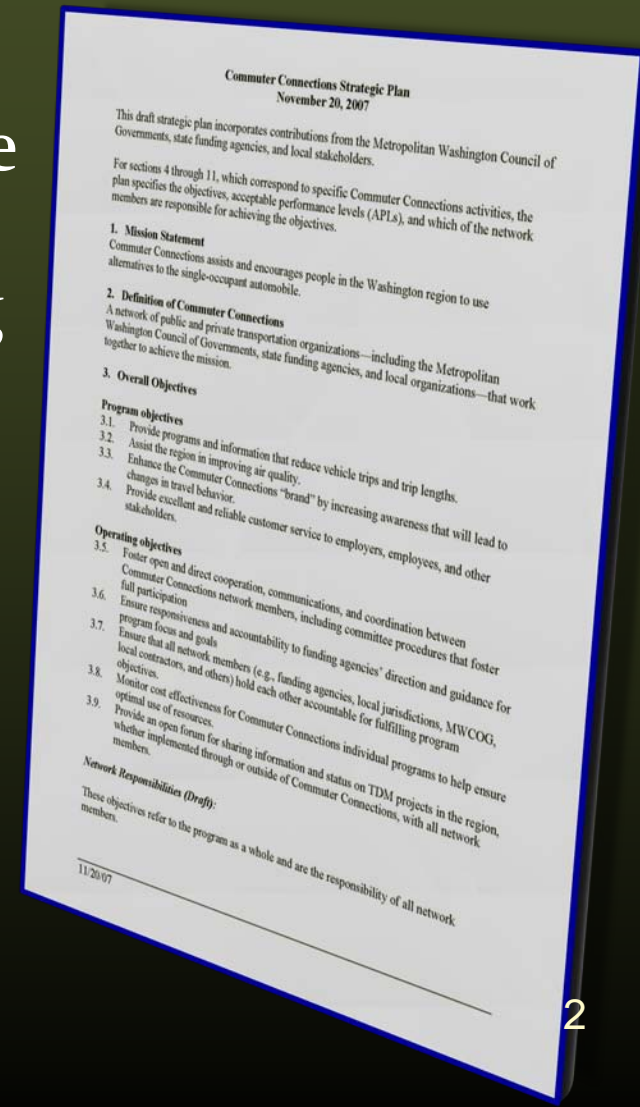


Commuter Connections FY 2013 Work Program

National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board
March 21, 2012

Definition from Strategic Plan

- Network of public and private transportation organizations, including COG, state funding agencies, and local organizations, that work together to assist and encourage people in the Washington region to use alternatives to the single-occupant automobile.

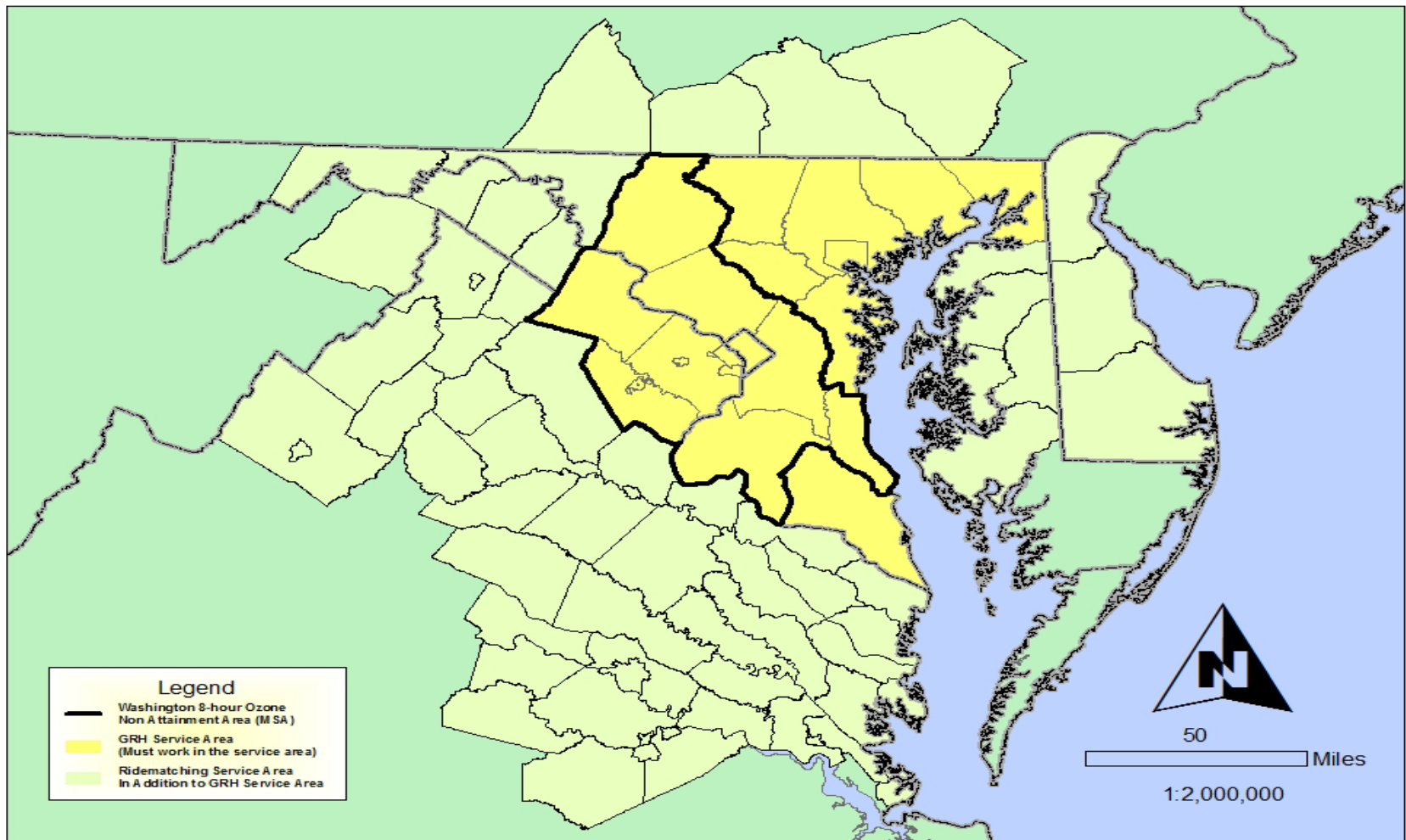


Benefits of Commuter Connections



- **Jurisdictions**
 - Helps reduce and manage commuter congestion, goods movement, tourist travel, sustainability
 - Helps reduce emissions
 - Supports local efforts to attract and retain employers
- **Employers**
 - Recruitment/Retention
- **Workers**
 - More commute options
 - Reduced stress/costs/time
 - Improved quality of life

Geographic Areas Serviced by Commuter Connections



MSA Rankings for Carpooling and Transit Use

Metropolitan Statistical Area	Total Workers	% Carpool	% Transit
NYC/Long Island/N NJ/PA	8,719,316	7.4%	30.3%
LA/Long Bch/Santa Ana	5,816,255	11.4%	6.1%
Chicago/Naperville/Joliet	4,422,844	9.1%	11.5%
Dallas/Ft. Worth/Arlington	2,945,976	11.4%	1.6%
Washington DC Metro	2,795,375	11.1%	13.9%
Philadelphia Metro Area	2,751,491	8.9%	9.2%
Houston Metro Area	2,581,559	12.6%	2.7%
Atlanta Metro Area	2,494,475	10.9%	3.6%
Miami Metro Area	2,479,021	10.1%	3.8%
Boston Metro Area	2,277,958	8.1%	11.9%
San Francisco-Oakland	2,056,454	10.4%	14.5%

Commuter Connections Daily Program Impacts



Measure	Reductions
Vehicle Trips	126,000
Vehicle Miles of Travel	2,400,000
Nitrogen Oxides (NOx)	0.9 Tons
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)	0.5 Tons

Commuter Connections' Role in the Regional Planning Process

- The TPB is required by Federal regulations to approve a congestion management process which includes TDM as part of the metropolitan transportation plan.
- Commuter Connections constitutes the major demand management component of the region's congestion management process.



Commuter Connections' Role in the Regional Planning Process

- Commuter Connections also provides transportation emission reduction measure (TERM) benefits for inclusion in the air quality conformity determination approved by the TPB. This is part of the annual update of the region's Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).



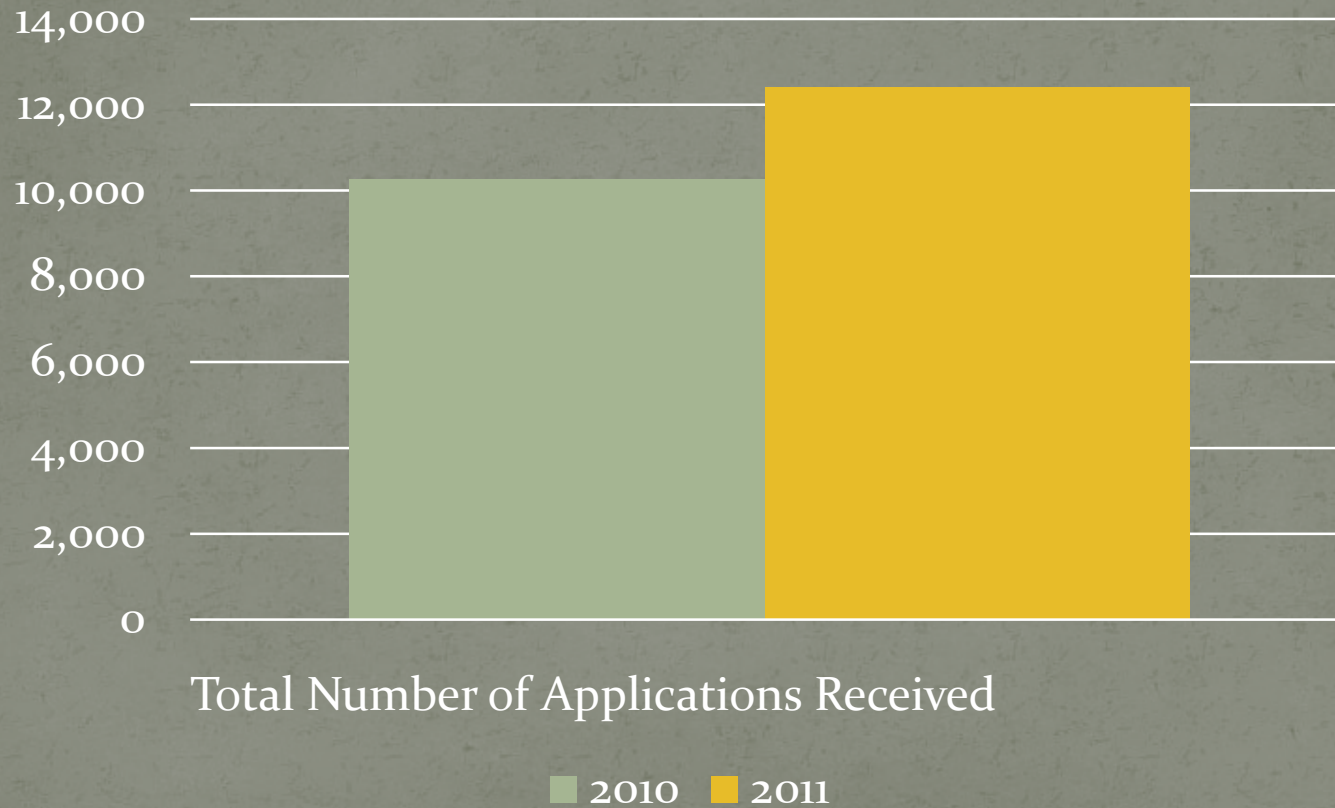
Cost Effectiveness of Commuter Connections

- Cost per Vehicle Trip Reduced \$0.14
- Cost per Vehicle Mile of Travel Reduced \$0.01
- Cost per ton of NO_x Reduced \$20,000
- Cost per ton of VOC Reduced \$33,000

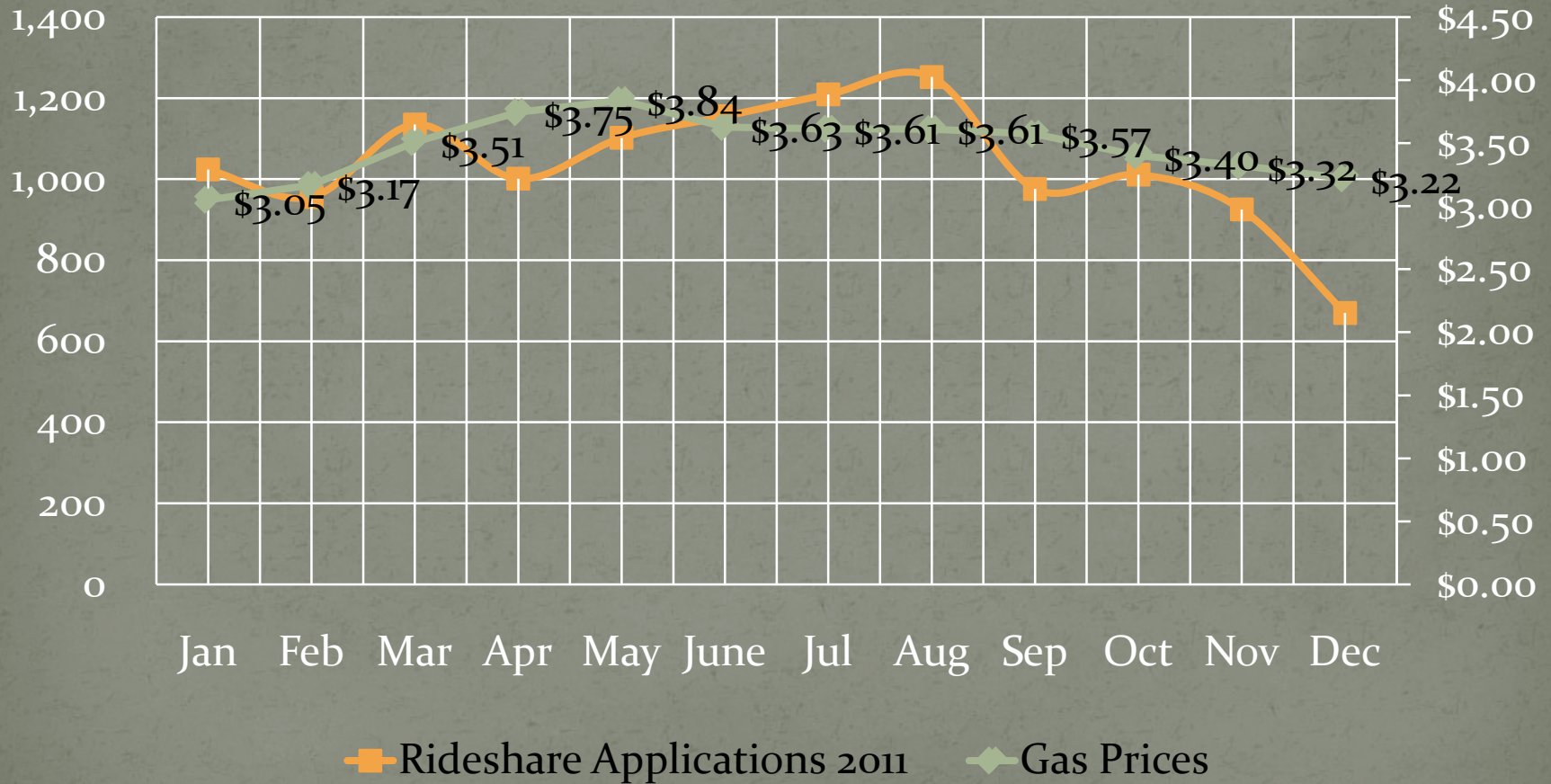


20% Increase in New Ridesharing Applications

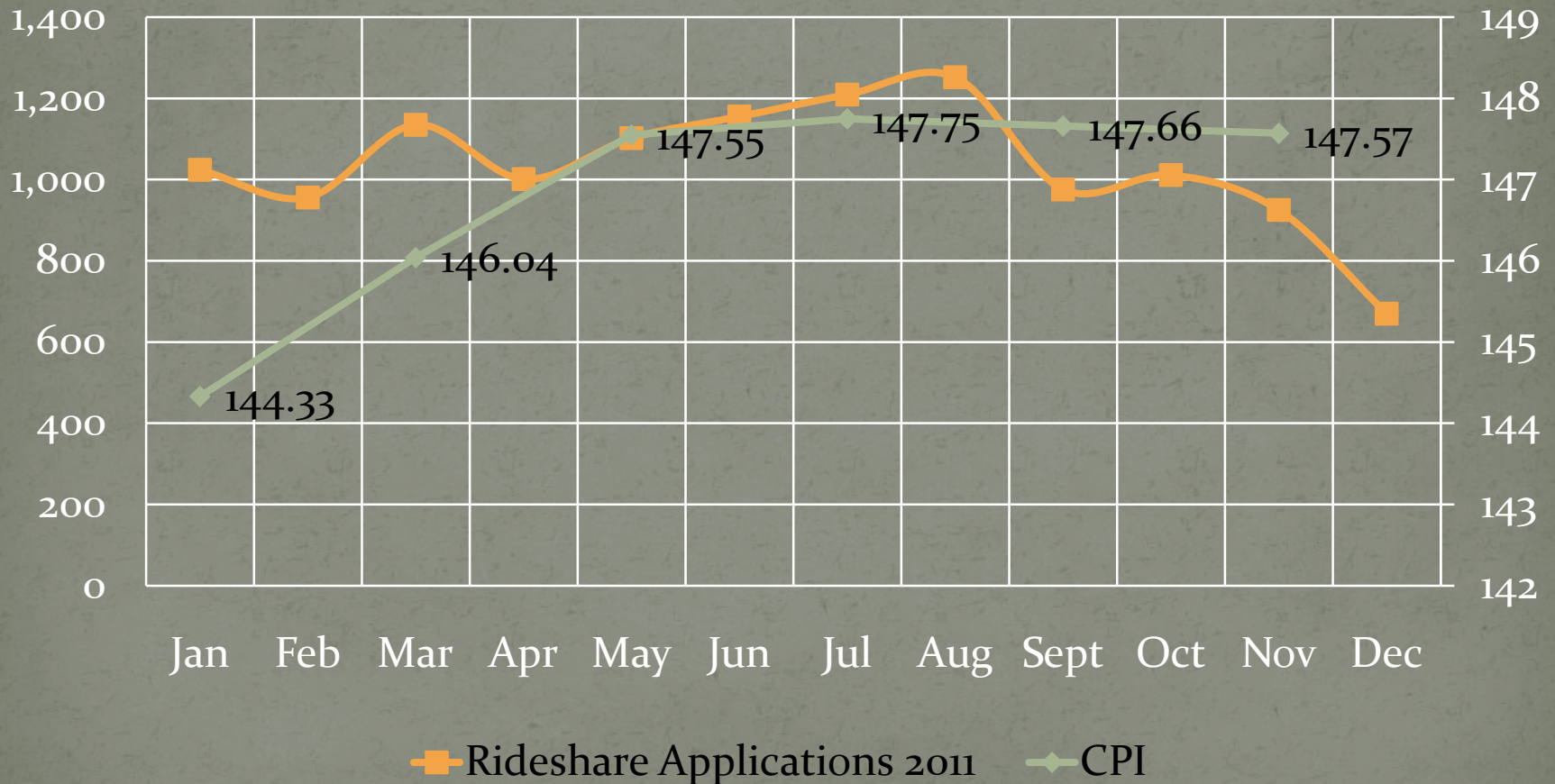
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Gasoline Prices and New Rideshare Applications



2011 CPI and New Rideshare Applications



BLS Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers

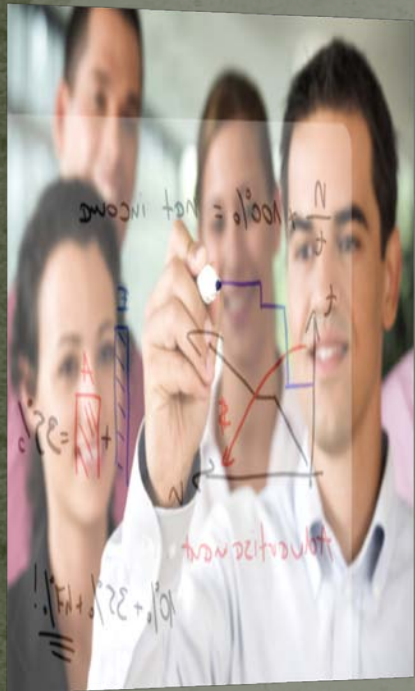
Proposed FY 2013 CCWP Budget

- Overall 12% increase from FY 2012
- Budget Breakdown: \$5,324,783
 - **COG/TPB Staff & Overhead:** \$1,545,722 or 29% of the overall budget.
 - **Private Sector Services:** \$2,831,587 or 53% of the overall budget
 - **Local Jurisdiction Pass-Thru:** \$416,031 or 8% of the overall budget
 - **Direct Costs:** \$531,443 or 10% of the overall budget



What's New In FY 2013 CCWP

- Regional TDM Marketing
 - 'Pool Rewards for Carpooling and Vanpooling
- Monitoring and Evaluation
 - 2013 State of the Commute Data Collection and Technical Report
 - 2013 GRH Applicant Surveys and draft reports for both DC and Baltimore region's
 - Review and Update of TDM Evaluation Framework Methodology document



Next Steps



- State funding agencies have provided initial comments/edits on Draft FY 2013 CCWP.
- Commuter Connections Subcommittee reviewed draft CCWP on November 15th and a comment period was established through December 2nd.
- State funding agencies reviewed draft document and submitted comments in December and provided additional comments in December prior to final review and approval in January.
- A revised document prepared and distributed at the January Commuter Connections Subcommittee meeting for further review and endorsement for release.

Next Steps - continued



- Tech Committee received a briefing of the Work Program at both its February and March meetings.
- CAC was briefed on the CCWP at its March meeting.
- TPB received a draft of the FY 2013 CCWP at its February meeting and the CCWP was released for public comment. Will be asked to approve today.
- TIP adjustments, if any, will be made and funding commitments secured by June.
- Program begins July 1.



Questions?

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