

TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights

April 6, 2007

The Technical Committee met on Friday, April 6 at COG. Seven items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda on April 18.

- TPB agenda Item 7

Staff briefed the Committee on the public comments received to date on the major projects for the 2007 CLRP submitted for the air quality conformity assessment. The public comment period will end on April 14 and responses to all comments received will be presented at the April 18 TPB meeting.

Staff also updated the Committee on activities to date to develop potential TPB responses to the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) resolutions presented to the TPB on September 20, 2006, which present its policies with respect to the allocation and sharing of FTA formula funds for the Washington urbanized area. Staff reported that a conference call had been held recently with senior staff from designated recipients for transit funds in the Washington Region to review a draft letter to FAMPO outlining potential TPB responses and recommendations on each of the FAMPO policies. A further conference call will be held within the next month to review outstanding issues.

- TPB agenda Item 8

Staff briefed the Committee on a draft response to comments expected to be submitted by MWAQC on the draft scope of work for the air quality conformity assessment.

- TPB agenda Item 11

The Committee was briefed on the on-going Spring 2007 Street Smart campaign and on a proposal for funding the FY 2008 campaign, which would include two phases, one in the Fall 2007 and one in the Spring 2008.

- TPB agenda Item 12

National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) staff briefed the Committee on the Draft Freight Railroad Realignment Feasibility Study which was sponsored by DDOT and NCPC, and funded under an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant.

Five items were presented for information and discussion:

- Staff updated the Committee on changes to the “beta” version of a visualization of the projects in the 2006 CLRP. This user-friendly program utilizes Google Earth on the web. The visualization format, project descriptions, and land use information to be depicted is being refined by staff and reviewed by the Committee, and will be presented to the TPB in May.
- Staff briefed the Committee on the version 2.2 travel demand model currently under review.

- Staff briefed the Committee on an outline of a report written for policymakers and the public that will summarize the travel trends and changing commuting patterns in the Washington region.
- Staff briefed the Committee on initial results of the consultant study for enhancing consideration of freight in regional transportation planning.
- Due to time constraints, a review of how key provisions of the final USDOT transportation planning regulations, which were issued February 14, 2007, are being addressed in the TPB planning process was deferred to next month.

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ATTENDANCE - April 6, 2007**

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