

## REPORT

### **TPB Citizens Advisory Committee October 14, 2010 Maureen Budetti, CAC Chair**

On October 14, the CAC held its regular monthly business meeting for one hour of the usual two-hour meeting time. The CAC discussed two primary items: (1) the purpose and vision of the Scoping Task Force for a Regional Transportation Plan, and (2) the WMATA Governance Task Force and the relationship between the CAC and the WMATA Riders Advisory Council (RAC). The second hour of the usual meeting time was used to host a public forum on the financial forecasts for the region's draft Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP) and six-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Members of the public were briefed on a financial analysis that has been conducted for the draft CLRP and FY2010-2016 TIP, and were presented with information about projects in the TIP. The public forum also marked the release of the CLRP and TIP for a 30-day public comment period.

#### **Discussion Regarding Scoping Task Force for a Regional Transportation Priorities Plan**

John Swanson of TPB staff summarized for the Committee a memorandum to the TPB Priorities Plan Scoping Task Force, which will meet for the first time on October 20 from 10:00am – noon in the COG Board Room. This meeting will be open for anyone to attend. The Task Force is being formed as a follow-up to the May 26 Conversation on Setting Regional Transportation Priorities. Its goal is to determine the scope and process for developing a Regional Transportation Priorities Plan.

Several resource materials will be presented at the kickoff meeting of the Task Force, including:

- Information on a draft regional inventory of unfunded priority projects
- Research on financially unconstrained planning activities of other MPOs
- Improvements in public information on the current planning process

The meeting agenda also includes time for a discussion about what task force members would like the new priorities planning process to do that is not currently being done.

Members of the CAC discussed the formation of the Task Force, and worked to come to a common understanding on the ultimate intent of the Task Force. Some members viewed the efforts of the TPB Aspirations Scenario as a model for the Scoping Task Force because of its emphasis on multi-modalism and activity centers. Other members view the Task Force as an opportunity to review the regional implications of all transportation projects, which could include developing a rating system for comparing projects with each other. The CAC also discussed the complexities of jurisdictional and state boundaries, funding, regional indicators, and goal-setting.

## **Other CAC Business**

- John Swanson, of TPB staff, announced that the TPB will be hosting the Community Leadership Institute (CLI) on November 4 and 6. Several CAC members, including the CAC chair, have graduated from this program, which aims to engage and educate community leaders on how to get involved and make a difference in the regional transportation planning process. Mr. Swanson announced that registration for the November CLI is full, and asked members of the CAC to nominate any potential future participants to TPB staff for the next CLI, which will be scheduled soon.
- Mr. Kirby provided an overview of items on the October 20 TPB Agenda. He emphasized an item in the Letters Packet, which discusses a grant proposal to secure private funding for the Capital Bike Share Program. He also mentioned that the TPB will receive an update to the bus transit data which was provided to the TPB in September, as well as two action items that the TPB will act on: (1) approving ramps on I-66, and (2) approval of the 2010 update to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

## **Public Forum on the Financial Forecast for the Region's Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP)**

Members of the public were presented with a financial analysis of the FY2010 CLRP by Arlee Reno of Cambridge Systematics. The presentation included a summary of the results of a result of the financial analysis for the FY2010 CLRP, an identification of potential revenue alternatives, and an outline of steps that could be taken to achieve new revenues. Copies of the presentation were distributed. Andrew Austin of TPB staff presented the significant changes to the CLRP and a summary of the draft FY2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which lists projects and programs that will be funded in the next six years. This public forum marked the release of the CLRP and TIP for a 30-day comment period, which will end on November 14. The TPB will be asked to approve the CLRP and TIP at its November 17 TPB meeting.

**ATTENDANCE**  
**CAC Meeting, October 14, 2010**

**Members in Attendance**

1. Maureen Budetti, VA, Chair
2. Zach Dobelbower, DC
3. Harold Foster, DC
4. Kelby Funn, MD
5. Larry Martin, DC
6. Allen Muchnick, VA
7. Tina Slater, MD
8. Emmet Tydings, MD
9. Farrell Keough, MD

**Alternates in Attendance**

1. Kim Kaplan, VA
2. Kevin Posey, VA
3. Frederick Walker, VA

**Members Not in Attendance**

1. Jim Larsen, VA
2. Stephen McCoy, DC
3. Madeline McDuffy, VA
4. Gail Parker, VA
5. Faith Wheeler, DC
6. Bill Easter, MD

**Staff/Others**

Ron Kirby, COG/TPB  
John Swanson, COG/TPB  
Darren Smith, COG/TPB  
Deborah Bilek, COG/TPB  
Andrew Austin, COG/TPB  
Arlee Reno, Cambridge Systematics  
Kiran Bhatt, KT Analytics  
Roger Diedrich, Fairfax County  
Eric Dahlberg, WMATA  
Alvin Turner, Parkeon Inc.  
Rick Rybeck