

# **National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board**

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## **MEETING NOTICE**

Date: September 15, 2010

Time: 12 noon

Place: COG Board Room

### **A-G-E-N-D-A (BEGINS PROMPTLY AT NOON)**

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| 12 noon  | 1. | <b>Public Comment on TPB Procedures and Activities</b> ..... Chairman Snyder  |
|          |    | Interested members of the public will be given the opportunity to make brief comments on transportation issues under consideration by the TPB. Each speaker will be allowed up to three minutes to present his or her views. Board members will have an opportunity to ask questions of the speakers, and to engage in limited discussion. Speakers are asked to bring written copies of their remarks (65 copies) for distribution at the meeting. |
| 12:20 pm | 2. | <b>Approval of Minutes of July 21 Meeting</b> ..... Chairman Snyder   |
| 12:25 pm | 3. | <b>Report of Technical Committee</b> ..... Mr. Verzosa<br>Chair, Technical Committee  |
| 12:30 pm | 4. | <b>Report of Citizen Advisory Committee</b> ..... Ms. Budetti<br>Chair, Citizen Advisory Committee  |
| 12:40 am | 5. | <b>Report of Steering Committee</b> ..... Mr. Kirby<br>Director, Department of<br>Transportation Planning (DTP)   |
| 12:45 pm | 6. | <b>Chairman's Remarks</b> ..... Chairman Snyder   |

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**ACTION ITEMS**

- 12:50 pm 7. **Approval of Amendment to the FY 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Reprogram American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funding for Certain Projects, as requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)**  
..... Ms. Sorenson

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) on behalf of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) has requested an amendment to FY 2010-2015 TIP to reprogram ARRA funding from certain projects that received final bids below their estimated costs to other ARRA eligible projects, as described in the attached materials.

**Action:** Adopt Resolution R3-2011 to amend the FY 2010-2015 TIP to reprogram ARRA funding for certain projects, as described in the attached materials.

- 12:55 pm 8. **Approval of the Establishment of a Task Force to Determine a Scope and Process for Developing a Regional Transportation Priorities Plan**  
..... Mr. Kirby

At the July 21 meeting, the Board was briefed on five proposed next steps as follow-up to the “Conversation on Setting Regional Transportation Priorities” held on May 26. The Board approved these next steps and the establishment of a task force to determine a scope and process for developing a regional transportation priorities plan. The Board will be asked to approve the establishment of this task force, as described in the attached memorandum.

**Action:** Approve the establishment of a task force to determine a scope and process for developing a regional transportation priorities plan, as described in the attached memorandum.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 1:00 pm 9. **Briefing on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination (MATOC) Program**  
..... Mr. Zezeski  
Maryland State Highway Administration

The TPB will be briefed on current MATOC operations and the status of preparations and funding for FY2011.

- 1:10 pm      10.      **Report on an Overview of Local and Regional Transit Systems Serving the Washington Metropolitan Area**  
 ..... Mr. Overman  
 Chair, Regional Bus Subcommittee
- At the March 17 TPB meeting, the Board requested information on the ridership and costs of the local and regional bus transit systems serving the metropolitan area. The Board will be briefed on the enclosed overview of the local and regional transit systems prepared by the Regional Bus Subcommittee.
- 1:20 pm      11.      **Briefing on the "CLRP Aspirations" Scenario, Major Corridor Studies Considering Managed/Priced Lanes in the Washington Region, and a new Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Grant to Study Public Acceptability of Pricing Major Roadways**  
 .....Mr. Kirby
- At its January 20 meeting, the TPB was briefed on initial analysis results for the "CLRP Aspirations" Scenario, which combines more concentrated growth in the region's activity centers with a regional high-quality bus rapid transit (BRT) network operating on an extensive network of variably priced lanes. The Board will be briefed on the results of the "CLRP Aspirations" Scenario, on major corridor studies considering managed /priced lanes in the Washington region, and on a new FHWA grant to study the public acceptability of pricing major roadways in the Washington region.
- 1:35 pm      12.      **Briefing on the COG Grant Application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program**  
 .....Mr. Robertson, Executive Director, COG
- On August 23, COG submitted to HUD a sustainable communities planning grant application to support multi-jurisdictional regional planning efforts that would help integrate housing, transportation, environmental impact, and economic development. COG applied for the grant on behalf of a regional consortium that includes the TPB as the region's metropolitan planning organization (MPO), COG member jurisdictions, and a cross-section of public- and private-sector stakeholders. The Board will be briefed on the grant application and the proposed TPB role in the project.
- 1:45 pm      13.      **Briefing on the Application for a Regional Bike Sharing Project Grant Under the "TIGER II" Program**  
 ..... Ms. Bansal, DTP
- At its June 16 meeting, the Board approved the submission of a regional bike sharing pre-application under the USDOT TIGER II program by the due date of July 16, and a final application due August 23. The Board will be briefed on the enclosed final application for the regional bike sharing project.

- 1:50 pm      14.      **Status Report on the Draft 2010 CLRP, FY 2011-2016 TIP and Air Quality Conformity Assessment**  
.....Mr. Kirby

The final 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP inputs and required Congestion Management forms were submitted in July. On October 14, the draft CLRP, TIP and Conformity Assessment will be released for public comment and will be the subject of a public meeting hosted by the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee. The Board will be updated on the status of the CLRP, TIP and Conformity Assessment.

**NOTICE ITEM**

- 1:55 pm      15.      **Notice Item For an Amendment to the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP that is not Exempt From Conformity for HOV Ramp Operational Changes on I-66 as Requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)**  
.....Ms. Sorenson

Ramps from I-66 to and from Stringfellow Road and Monument Drive in Fairfax County currently operate only during the AM (in the eastbound direction) and PM (in the westbound direction) peak periods. VDOT has requested an amendment to the CLRP and TIP to allow operation of these ramps to accommodate traffic during the remaining hours of the day. The proposed improvement is to open the ramps to westbound general purpose traffic during those additional hours. As this change is not exempt from conformity, staff has executed an emissions analysis of the proposed improvement, which shows adherence to air quality conformity requirements. The Board will be asked to approve this amendment at the October 20, 2010 meeting.

- 1:58 pm      16.      **Other Business**

- 2:00 pm      17.      **Adjourn**

2 hours

Lunch will be served to Board members and alternates at 11:30 am