

**TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights**

**September 7, 2012**

The Technical Committee met on September 7 at COG. Six items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda on September 19.

- TPB agenda Item 7

The Committee was briefed on the COG Report: “Economy Forward- COG’s Call to Action for a More Competitive Metropolitan Washington,” which identifies five priorities for growth, including transportation investment, that the region needs to focus on to help drive local economic growth and competitiveness.

- TPB agenda Item 8

The Committee was briefed on the proposed membership and work plan for a task force to be established to identify promising locations in the region to operate buses on the shoulders of highways, as requested by the TPB at its July 18 meeting.

- TPB agenda Item 9

In 2002, the TPB and the COG Board of Directors worked cooperatively to develop regional activity centers maps as a tool to help guide land use and transportation planning decisions. New guidelines and analysis geographies for identifying regional activity centers are being established to align them with the goals of Region Forward. The Committee was briefed on the process and schedule for revising the designation of the COG Regional Activity Centers.

- TPB agenda Item10

On May 21, 2012, EPA issued the final designation for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), with the Washington Metropolitan Area designated as marginal nonattainment. This designation requires a new air quality conformity analysis of the Washington region’s 2012 CLRP and FY 2013-2018 TIP that will include the region’s new 2015 attainment year. The analysis must be completed before July 20, 2013. The Committee was briefed on the draft scope of work for the 2015 forecast year air quality conformity analysis of the 2012 CLRP and FY2013-2018 TIP.

- TPB agenda Item 11

The Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) is preparing a request to EPA for redesignation of the Washington DC-MD-VA nonattainment area to attainment status for Fine Particle Pollution (PM2.5), along with a maintenance plan demonstrating compliance with PM2.5 standards through 2025. At its March 21, 2012 meeting, the TPB approved a letter to MWAQC recommending the incorporation of safety margins of 20 percent and 30 percent

into out-year mobile emissions budgets for 2017 and 2025 respectively in a PM2.5 maintenance plan under development by MWAQC. The Committee was briefed on recent analyses of the emissions sources to be included in the maintenance plan, and on updated safety margins recommended for the mobile emissions budgets for 2017 and 2025 in the plan.

- TPB agenda Item 12

The Committee was briefed on the draft call for projects document and schedule for the air quality conformity assessment for the 2013 CLRP and FY 2013-2018 TIP. The TPB will be asked to approve the final call for projects document at its October 17 meeting.

Three items were presented for information and discussion:

- The Committee was briefed on the COG Report: “Charged Up: Making Metropolitan Washington Electric Vehicle Ready,” which provides a framework for establishing a regional readiness plan for the deployment of electric vehicles in the Washington region.
- The 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission recommendations resulted in the closure of several facilities and the movement of thousands of employees to locations throughout the region by September 2011. The Committee was briefed on the results of a travel monitoring study documenting the baseline travel conditions of vehicles and people at specific BRAC and other major federal employment consolidations throughout the region.
- In August, USDOT announced that TPB had received a FY 2012 Transportation, Community, and Systems Preservation (TCSP) Grant to develop recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian access improvements at up to 25 rail stations using a complete streets approach designed to complement housing and employment development. The Committee was briefed on the work scope for this project.

# TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES

ATTENDANCE - September 7, 2012

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DDOT Mark Rawlings  
Anthony Foster  
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FHWA-DC -----  
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## MARYLAND

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## Other Attendees

Randy Carroll, MDE  
Rick Rybeck, Just Economics LLC  
Bill Orleans, HACK

## WMATA

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