



NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD

Item #5

MEMORANDUM

January 21, 2015

TO: Transportation Planning Board

FROM: Kanti Srikanth
Director, Department of
Transportation Planning

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RE: Additional Letters Sent/Received

The attached additional letters sent/received will be reviewed along with other letters sent/received under item #5 of the January 21st TPB agenda.

Attachment



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January 21, 2015

The Honorable Todd Turner
Council Member
Prince George's County – District 4
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
County Council, 2nd Floor
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Subject: Status and relation of the Purple Line Transit with the TPB's CLRP.

Dear Mr. Turner:

At the Transportation Planning Board's December 17, 2014 meeting you inquired about the status and relation of the Purple Line Transit project in Maryland with the TPB's federally approved Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP). Upon staff's response, the Board advised staff to provide the information in writing to the Board and for interested audiences beyond. As advised the subject information is as follows.

The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is the metropolitan planning organization for the Washington region and has the responsibility under the provisions of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area. One of the federally mandated activities of the TPB is the development of a regional financially constrained plan to fund and implement transportation improvement projects over the next twenty plus years.

The current federally approved 2014 CLRP for the metropolitan Washington area includes the proposed construction of the Purple Line transit project between Bethesda and New Carrollton by 2020. The financial plan of the CLRP, just recently updated per federal requirement, indicates that the funding for the construction, operations and maintenance of the project is reasonably expected to be available. Finally the regional air quality conformity analyses for the 2014 CLRP, approved by the FHWA and FTA, assumes the Purple Line Transit project will be completed by 2020 and results in certain changes in the regional travel patterns and emissions of criteria pollutants.

The Purple Line Transit project was first added to the region's CLRP in 1994 and showed the construction of the facility between Bethesda and Silver Spring by 2015. An extension, between Silver Spring and New Carrollton, was added as a study in the 2003 CLRP. and then included for construction for the first time in 2009. In 2009 the facility's estimated completion date was 2018.

The proposed Purple Line is a 16-mile route with 21 stations, which would increase accessibility across Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. Travelling through five regional activity



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centers (Bethesda, Silver Spring, Langley Park, College Park, and New Carrollton), it would directly connect riders to Metrorail (Red, Green, and Orange lines), MARC, Amtrak, and regional and local bus services. The project cost in the current CLRP is \$2.37 billion, with funding anticipated from federal, state, and local sources. This extensive connectivity, especially between multiple regional activity centers, addresses the basic principles of the TPB Vision and the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan.

The TPB Vision Plan and the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan make up the regional policy framework designed to help guide transportation planning and decision-making in the Washington Region. The Vision, adopted in 1998, incorporates eight planning factors, specified in current federal regulations, to consider during the development of transportation plans and programs. The Regional Transportation Priorities Plan, adopted in 2014, focuses attention on a limited number of specific strategies with the greatest potential to advance regional goals rooted in the TPB Vision. Both plans prioritize the health and connectivity of the regional activity centers. The Purple Line Transit project is consistent with these priorities.

Should any of the above assumptions materially change, such as the scope, timing and funding, the change would have to be officially submitted to the TPB for its review and approval to revise the regional CLRP and the regional air quality conformity analyses.

I trust the above presents a succinct summary of the status and relation of the Purple Line Transit project in Maryland to the region's long range transportation plan. As always if I or my colleagues as staff to the TPB can answer any questions or provide additional information, feel free to contact me at 202-962-3257 or at KSrikanth@mwcog.org.

Sincerely,

Kanathur N. Srikanth
Director Department of Transportation Planning

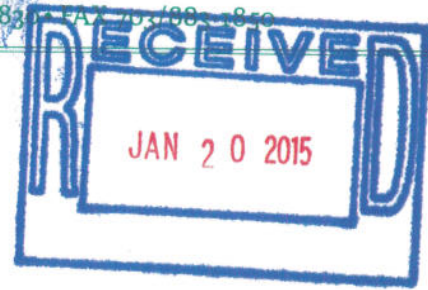
cc: Members of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION COALITION

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January 15, 2015

Mr. Kanti Srikanth
Director, Dept of Transportation Planning, MWCOG
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Dear Mr. Srikanth:

The Northern Virginia Transportation Coalition is a group of chambers of commerce and industry organizations throughout Northern Virginia that share a common belief that greater investment in regional transportation infrastructure is essential to sustained regional prosperity.

In view of our region's changing economy and the importance that improvements to our transportation framework will have on shaping it, Coalition members have endorsed the following statement.

**2015 Policy Statement:
A Strong Economy and Better Quality of Life
Require a Stronger Regional Transportation Framework**

We, the undersigned Northern Virginia organizations representing the vast majority of businesses and employees of Northern Virginia's private sector workforce, believe that a strong, efficient regional transportation network is essential to our region's future economic competitiveness and quality of life.

We believe that unlocking Northern Virginia's transportation grid requires a strategic regional approach. The focus of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, our region's designated transportation planning body, should be on the investment of regional, state, federal and private sector transportation dollars on highway projects, transit improvements and intelligent transportation systems that will:

- Move the greatest number of people;
- Reduce congestion and travel time between major employment centers and communities;
- Increase reliability of the network region-wide while producing the best long-term return on investment;
- Promote regional economic development and growth; and
- Enhance regional security.

We are concerned that the current policy requiring that benefits over time be proportional to local contributions impedes the region's ability to address its most important regional transportation needs.

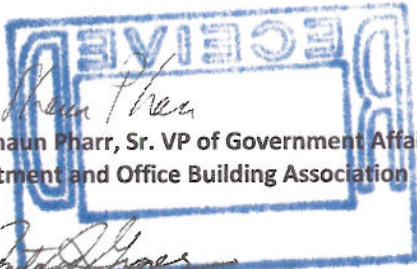
Regional transportation funds should be focused and leveraged, where appropriate, with federal, state, and public-private partnership funds on projects of large-scale regional significance. These include:

- I-66 major upgrade from US-15 to Roosevelt Bridge
- New Northern Potomac River Crossing and upgraded American Legion Bridge
- 8-car Metro Train capacity upgrade
- Bi-County Parkway
- Route 28 upgrade to 8 lanes
- Fairfax County Parkway conversion to limited access facility
- Conversion of I-395 HOV lanes to managed lanes
- Regional Express Bus network

We support the development of a performance-based statewide transportation plan that focuses on new and existing corridors of regional and statewide significance and evaluates highway and public transit projects on the same criteria.

Sincerely,

(Signatures on reverse)



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W. Shaun Pharr, Sr. VP of Government Affairs
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Frederick County
Gaithersburg
Greenbelt
Montgomery County
Prince George's County
Rockville
Takoma Park
Alexandria
Arlington County
Fairfax
Fairfax County
Falls Church
Loudoun County
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Manassas Park
Prince William County

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December 30, 2014

Tom Biesiadny
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Dear Tom Biesiadny,

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is convening a multi-sector greenhouse gas (GHG) working group (MSWG) of senior level professionals from local governments and state agencies representing the energy, environment, transportation and land use sectors. The Working Group will help COG draft a report, by September 2015, assessing "What We Can Do" in a cost-effective, viable manner to attain the region's GHG reductions goals. **I am requesting that you, or a senior level representative from your agency represent the Transportation sector in this important regional initiative.**

We expect the full MSWG will meet a minimum of three times during the course of this work. Additionally, we expect to form topical subgroups to develop land use, energy and transportation recommendations. **The first meeting is scheduled to be held at COG's office on January 30, 2015, from 10:00 AM until Noon.**

You may be aware that the members of the COG executed the Region Forward Compact in 2010 which included a set of goals for the region to pursue. One of the goals was for this region to reduce GHG to 2005 levels by 2012, by 20% below 2005 levels by 2020 and 80% below 2005 levels by 2050, collectively from all sources that contribute to GHG.

The MSWG is being tasked to identify a set of viable, strategies that can be implemented at local, state, regional and national levels to reduce GHG emissions in the energy, environment, transportation and land use sectors. The Working Group is being asked to also address how these actions can achieve co-benefits such as reduced criteria pollutant emissions, reduced transportation congestion and increased energy efficiency; quantify the benefits, cost and implementation timeframe for these strategies; develop an action plan for the region; and explore specific GHG reduction goals, measures, and/or targets, in the four sectors.

I will be facilitating the MSWG and be assisted by the Directors of the COG's Transportation, Environmental Programs and Community Planning and Services Departments and their staff.

Given your agency's role in developing and implementing strategies that may be considered, your participation will be critical to this regional initiative. Please email your nomination response to Ms. Debbie Leigh at dleigh@mwkog.org, or fax it to 202-962-3203.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 202-962-3340 or email me at sfreudberg@mwkog.org. Thank you for your earliest attention this request and I look forward to your agency's participation in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,



Stuart Freudberg
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Adam Ortiz, Prince George's County
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Joe Nagro, City of College Park
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Rob Robinson, City of Gaithersburg
Jim Sterling, City of Greenbelt
Mark Charles, City of Rockville
Daryl Braithwaite, City of Takoma Park
Robert Summers, Maryland Dept. of the Environment
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Robert Bronsan, Arlington County
Kambiz Agazi, Fairfax County
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Thomas Bruun, Prince William County
Yon Lambert, City of Alexandria
Brooke Hardin, City of Fairfax
Cindy Mester, City of Falls Church
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Kimberly Alexander, City of Manassas Park
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Kevin Quinn, Maryland Transit Administration
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Joe Kroboth, Loudoun County
Tom Blaser, Prince William County
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Wendy Block Sanford, City of Fairfax
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Michael Moon, City of Manassas
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50		Mr. Al Roshdleh (Mont. Co. DOT)
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53	Charles Co.	Mr. Jason Gorth
54	Frederick Co.	Mr. Ron Burns
55	City of Frederick	Mr. Timothy Davis
56	City of Gaithersburg	Mr. Ollie Mumpower
57	City of Rockville	Ms. Carrie Sanders
58	City of Takoma Park	Mr. Brian Kenner
59	City of Bowie	Mr. Joseph Meinert
60	City of Greenbelt	Ms. Celia Craze
61	City of College Park	Terry Schum
62	MD-State	Mr. Don Halligan (DOT)
63		Gregory Slater
64		Kevin Quinn, Director of Planning, MTA
65	Arlington Co.	Mr. Dennis Leach
66	Alexandria City	DT&ES Director, Yon Lambert
67	Fairfax County	Mr. Tom Blesiadny
68	Loudoun Co.	Mr. Joe Kroboth
69	Prince William Co.	Mr. Tom Blaser
70	Fauquier County	Ms. Kimberly Fogle
71	City of Fairfax	Ms. Wendy Block Sanford
72	City of Manassas	Mr. Michael Moon
73	City of Manassas Park	Mr. James Johnson
74	City of Falls Church	Mr. Micahel Collins
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4 Charles	Peter Aluotto	
5 Frederick	Gary Hesson	
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9 NCPCC	Marcel Acosta	
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11 Arlington	Bob Brosnan	
12 Alexandria	Karl Moritz	
13 Fairfax County	Fred Selden	
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18 DC	Incoming Director Tommy Wells	Cecily Beall & Brendan Shane
19 Montgomery Co	Acting Director Fariba Kassiri	
20 Prince Georges Co	Incoming Director Elisabeth (Lisa) G. Feldt	Ms. Akosua Dosu & Dawn Hawkins-Nixon
21 Charles Co	Director Adam Ortiz	
22 Frederick Co	Shannon Moore	
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24 Bowie	Joe Meinert	Kristen Larsen
25 College Park	Joe Nagro, City Manager	
26 Gaithersburg	Rob Robinson, Long Range Planning Manager	Dyan Backe
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31 Maryland Energy Admin	Acting Director Devon Dodson	
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33 NCPCC	Marcel Acosta (Covered by Planning Department)	
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35 Arlington Co	Robert Brosnan	
36 Alexandria City	Von Lambert	Bill Skrabak

37	Fairfax Co	Kambiz Agazi	
38	Loudoun Co	Alan Brewer	
39	Prince William Co	Thomas Bruun	
40	Fairfax City	Brooke Hardin	
41	Falls Church	Cindy Mester, Assistant City Manager	
42	City of Manassas	Patrick Pate, City Manager	
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Stuart Freudberg
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Dear Deputy Executive Director Freudberg:

I write to request that you appoint a member of the Transportation Planning Board's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to serve as a member of COG's Multi-Sector Greenhouse Gas Working Group.

While we appreciate that COG is committed to including public outreach in the activities of this working group, we believe it is important for citizen representatives to have a formal seat at the table. The inclusion of a CAC member in the group will ensure that a regional citizen's perspective can be woven into the working group's scope from the outset.

For more than 20 years, the CAC has acted as a reliable partner in the regional planning process. We believe that an official role for the CAC in this working group will be beneficial to COG, to the TPB and to the region as a whole.

Sincerely yours,



Tracy Hadden Loh
Chair, 2014 Citizens Advisory Committee

Cc: Kanti Srikanth