

TPB Technical Committee December 4 Meeting Highlights

December 10, 2015

The Technical Committee met on December 4 in the Ronald F. Kirby Training Center at COG. The following items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda for December 16:

- TPB agenda item 8

The committee was updated on the solicitation documents for the 2016 Amendment to the Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP), and the proposed schedule for the air quality conformity analysis of the 2016 CLRP Amendment and the FY 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

In their presentation, staff focused attention on how new CLRP projects submitted in 2016 could be evaluated in comparison to the goals of the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan (RTPP). Noting that the CLRP project submission form already includes questions regarding regional priorities, staff proposed releasing the answers to these questions in new, user-friendly formats. Two sample documents were distributed illustrating how project-level assessments might be presented to the TPB at the time that CLRP project submissions are released for public comment in February. Members of the Technical Committee strongly supported these proposed new information products. The committee recommended the TPB approve the Call for Projects.

The committee also discussed proposals, submitted by TPB members, to establish a working group to develop a process for future CLRP updates and amendments for evaluating new project submissions against regional goals, including those in the RTPP. Staff informed the committee that scheduling conflicts prevented a special work session on this topic in December, but it may be scheduled for January. Several committee members said that the proposal to establish such a new work group seemed to duplicate the work of the existing Unfunded Capital Needs Working Group.

- TPB agenda item 10

WMATA staff briefed the committee on the final briefing on WMATA funding challenges that will be presented at the TPB's December 16 meeting. WMATA staff said they hoped this TPB agenda item would be more of an open discussion than a question-and-answer session.

- TPB agenda item 11

The committee was updated on a draft agreement between the TPB and the Calvert-St. Mary's Metropolitan Planning Organization (C-SMMPO) regarding the conformity analysis of transportation plans, programs, and projects in Calvert County, MD. Calvert County is in the Washington, DC-MD-VA 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment area, and is also a member of C-SMMPO, which was recently created. The committee recommended that the TPB receive a briefing on this issue.

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

- The committee was briefed on initial performance measures for the National Capital Region metropolitan planning area, in the areas of Highways Conditions and Highway Safety. The

committee was also updated on the latest developments regarding US DOT regulations on performance measures under MAP-21.

- The committee was briefed on the current status of the TPB Regional Priority Bus Project, which includes 16 project components being implemented by five project owners under a \$58 million TIGER grant administered by FTA.
- The committee was briefed on the development of a draft multi-year strategic plan for updating the regional travel demand forecasting model. The seven-year plan includes both updates to the existing trip-based travel model and an eventual transition to an activity-based travel model.
- The committee was briefed on the most recent forecasts of travel involving the region's three commercial service airports, and planned regional surface transportation improvements that maintain or enhance airport ground access.
- The committee was briefed on next steps related to this work plan that was tentatively approved on November 18 by the TPB's Working Group on Unfunded Capital Needs.

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ATTENDANCE – December 4, 2015**

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