TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights

December 1, 2006

The Technical Committee met on Friday, December 1 at COG. Five items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda on December 20.

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The Committee was briefed on a draft brochure for the new Transportation/Land Use Connection (TLC) Pilot Program. The brochure describes the resources for the clearinghouse and announces the range of short-term technical assistance services that can be applied for by TPB jurisdictions.

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The Committee was briefed on the final draft call for projects document and schedule for the air quality conformity assessment for the 2007 CLRP and FY 2008-2013 TIP. The Committee recommended that the draft call for projects document and schedule be approved by the TPB at the December 20 meeting, while recognizing the uncertainty regarding the timing and decisions for the submission of some new projects in Northern Virginia.

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The Committee was briefed on ongoing work activities to identify and organize transportation measures by categories appropriate for use in either the 8-hour ozone SIP or for future air quality conformity assessments. The Committee was also briefed on a draft letter from TPB to MWAQC offering TPB review and comment on the transportation measures submitted by COG member governments to MWAQC in response to a November 8, 2006 COG Board resolution.

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Staff briefed the Committee on the draft mission, goals, and membership for a proposed Regional Bus Subcommittee of the Technical Committee. The Committee provided comments on the draft and will recommend that the TPB approve the establishment of the new subcommittee in January.

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The Committee was briefed on the updated list of priority regional bicycle and pedestrian projects recommended for consideration in the FY 2008-2013 TIP by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the TPB Technical Committee.

Five items were presented for information and discussion:

- Staff who participated at the recent Transportation Research Board (TRB) Fifth International Visualization in Transportation Symposium Committee briefed the Committee on presentations on visualization and practices for regional planning.
- The consultant briefed the Committee on the work tasks and schedule for the ongoing evaluation of TPB public involvement activities.

- Staff briefed the Committee on the new Commuter Connections "Live Near Your Work" project.
- Staff briefed the Committee on the results of the pilot program to pre-test the new regional household travel survey.
- Staff updated the Committee on activities to date to develop potential TPB responses and recommendations for the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) policies with respect to the allocation and sharing of FTA formula funds for the Washington urbanized area. Staff reported that, as requested by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), a meeting will be held in December with the region's designated recipients of FTA formula funds to review the FAMPO policies.

TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES ATTENDANCE - December 1, 2006

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