

TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights

January 3, 2014

The Technical Committee met on January 3rd at COG. Six items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda for January 15th.

- TPB agenda Item 9

The TPB Regional Transportation Priorities Plan (RTPP) is being developed to identify regional strategies that offer the greatest potential contributions toward addressing regional challenges. A revised draft RTPP was released for public comment on December 12. The Committee was updated on the draft and on comments received to date. The TPB will be asked to adopt the plan as its January 15th meeting.

- TPB agenda Item 10

- The Committee was briefed on the major transportation projects submitted by the implementing agencies to date, and updated on a revised schedule and potential changes for the draft scope of work for the air quality conformity assessment. It is anticipated that the draft scope of work will be released on February 13 for a 30-day public comment period that will end March 15. At the March 19 meeting, the Board will be asked to approve the scope of work for the air quality conformity assessment.

- TPB agenda Item 11

Following a December 2012 request and at the direction of the TPB, a draft regional Green Streets Policy for the Washington Region has been under development by COG Transportation and Environmental Programs staff, in coordination with member agencies and stakeholders. A draft policy was circulated for comments beginning in September. The Committee was briefed on comments received and updates made to the draft policy, in preparation for presentation to the TPB for consideration.

- TPB agenda Item 12

The Committee was briefed on an updated list of priority regional bicycle and pedestrian projects recommended for consideration in the FY 2015-2020 TIP by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the TPB Technical Committee.

- TPB agenda Item 13

In July, the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC) approved geographic definitions for new Activity Centers. Identification of these Activity Centers is designed to better integrate locally planned growth areas into the regional planning process and to enhance the assessment of regional

transportation plans. The Committee was briefed on how forecast growth in these Activity Centers by 2040 is likely to impact future travel demands on the region's transportation system.

- TPB agenda Item 14

TPB staff reviewed an outline and preliminary budget for the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY 2015 (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015). A complete draft of the FY 2015 UPWP will be presented to the Committee for review at its February 7 meeting.

Two items were presented for information and discussion:

- On November 19, the Federal Register published a notice of the draft initial designation of the highway Primary Freight Network (PFN), as required by MAP-21, with additional information addressing non-PFN portions of the Interstate System and rural freight corridors. The Committee was briefed on a draft regional comments letter prepared by TPB staff on the draft designation of the PFN, developed in coordination with comments from the states.
- The Committee was updated on the latest developments regarding US DOT regulations on performance measures under MAP-21.

**TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES
ATTENDANCE - January 3, 2014**

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MTA -----
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