

TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights July 8, 2011

The Technical Committee met on July 8 at COG. Eight items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda on July 20.

- TPB agenda Item 7

The Committee was briefed on the regional Car Free Day event scheduled for Wednesday September 22 in tandem with the World Car Free Day event. The TPB will be asked to approve a proclamation making September 22 Regional Car Free Day 2011.

- TPB agenda Item 8

The Committee was updated on the draft air quality conformity analysis of an amendment to the 2010 CLRP to modify the I-95/395 HOV/HOT lanes project, widen I-66 between US 29 and Route 15, add a ramp from the HOV Lanes of I-395 to Seminary Road, and an amendment to the FY 2011-2016 TIP to include funding for the I-66 project. The draft conformity results for the amendment were released for a 30-day public comment period on June 9, and the TPB is scheduled to adopt the conformity analysis, 2010 CLRP, and TIP amendment at its July 20 meeting.

- TPB agenda Item 9

The Committee was briefed on the applications received from local jurisdictions for technical assistance to advance their transportation and land use coordination activities, and on the recipients recommended for funding by the selection panel. The TPB will be asked to approve the recommended recipients for assistance for FY 2012 at its July 20 meeting.

- TPB agenda Item 10

The Committee was briefed on revisions to the draft scope and process to develop a Regional Transportation Priorities Plan, which was presented to the TPB at its June 15 meeting. The scope is scheduled to be approved by the TPB at its July 20 meeting.

- TPB agenda Item 11

COG planning staff briefed the Committee on the development of a COG Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Application under the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program. Competitive funding for this grant will support improvements to multi-jurisdictional regional planning efforts that would help integrate housing, transportation, environmental impact, and economic development. The TPB will be asked to approve TPB participation in a consortium for the COG submission

of a grant application to HUD.

- TPB agenda Item 12

The Committee was briefed on the key features of the FY 2011 TIGER discretionary surface transportation grant program and a proposed TPB project that is under consideration for an application. The Committee was also briefed on four competitive FTA grant programs with applications from states and designated transit recipients due in the next 30 to 60 days. All TPB member agencies with project applications under development were asked to send requests for TPB endorsement for consideration at the July 20 meeting.

- TPB agenda Item 13

The Committee was briefed on the activities of the COG steering committee that is developing an action plan to identify improvements to regional incident management arising from the experience of the January 26 snow event.

- TPB agenda Item 14

The Committee was briefed on an amendment to the FY 2012 UPWP budget to reflect changes in new FY 2012 funding and adjustments in the unobligated FY 2010 funding. The Committee was also briefed on proposed amendments to the FY 2012 UPWP to implement the recommendations and corrective actions included in the federal transportation planning certification report. The TPB will be asked to approve these amendments at its meeting on September 21.

Five items were presented for information and discussion:

- Staff of the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) briefed the Committee on the final report for the Housing and Transportation Cost Study for the Washington Metropolitan Area prepared by the DC Office of Planning and the CNT.
- The Committee was briefed on the I-95 Corridor Coalition's Green Corridors Eco-Driving Campaign which educates motorists about changes they can make to reduce emissions and conserve fuel. The campaign was launched in the Washington metropolitan region just before the 4th of July.
- At the June 15 TPB meeting, the CAC requested that the TPB develop and approve a Regional Policy on Complete Streets and that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee take the lead in developing this policy. The Committee was briefed on the CAC's recommendation and proposed activities to respond.
- The Committee was updated on a Joint Letter from the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) and the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) regarding its TIP project section process. This joint letter is one of the 4 corrective actions that FAMPO must address from the federal

transportation planning certification review.

- COG staff briefed the Committee on an EPA grant to COG for consultant assistance to prepare a regional climate adaptation plan which is intended to identify climate change vulnerabilities and smart growth strategies in four sectors: land use, building, transportation and water. The Committee was asked to suggest invitees for a transportation sector meeting in which more detailed feedback on the adaption plan will be solicited.

**TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES
ATTENDANCE - July 8, 2011**

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City of Frederick Tim Davis
Gaithersburg -----
Montgomery Co. Gary Erenrich
Prince George's Co. Vic Weissberg
Rockville -----
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MTA -----
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City of Fairfax Alexis Verzosa
Fairfax Co. Mike Lake
Falls Church -----
Loudoun Co. -----
Manassas -----
Prince William Co. Monica Backmon
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PRTC Nick Alexandrow
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Other Attendees

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