

TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights

April 15, 2015

The Technical Committee met on April 3 at the Ronald F. Kirby Training Center at COG. Seven items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda for April 15.

- TPB agenda Item 7

Staff briefed the committee on regional Bike to Work Day events being organized at 79 locations for Friday, May 15. The committee recommended that the Bike to Work Day proclamation be presented to the TPB for approval at its April 15 meeting.

- TPB agenda Item 8

Staff briefed the committee on an update to the scope of work for the air quality conformity analysis of the 2015 CLRP and the FY2015-2020 TIP. Under this updated scope, TPB staff will use the MOVES2014 mobile emissions model in the conformity analysis instead of the MOVES2010a model. The briefing included a detailed technical presentation of the staff's work preparing and testing the new model. Upon discussion of the process and the test results, the committee supported staff's recommendation to update the scope of work.

- TPB agenda Item 9

Staff briefed the committee on projects that a review panel has recommended for funding in Northern Virginia as part of the FY 2016 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) project solicitation conducted by the Virginia Department of Transportation. A portion of TAP funds is sub-allocated to the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Washington region. The committee had no comments on the project recommendations that will be presented to the TPB for approval at its April 15 meeting.

- TPB agenda Item 13

Staff briefed the committee on the TLC Program, which provides TPB member jurisdictions with consultant-provided, short-term technical assistance to catalyze or enhance local planning efforts. The FY 2016 TLC solicitation was launched on April 3 with an application deadline of June 3. The application this year encourages applications focused on Activity Centers, projects linked to the TPB's recently completed TCSP study, and cross-jurisdictional projects. The committee recommended that an announcement of the TLC Program be made at the TPB's April 15 meeting.

- TPB agenda item 6

Staff presented the committee with a set of draft principles on the reauthorization of MAP-21, the federal surface transportation that expires on May 31, 2015. The draft principles will be presented to the TPB for approval on April 15, 2015. The committee provided comments on the draft and supports the TPB adopting the principles and communicating them to the Congressional leadership.

- TPB agenda item 7

Staff reviewed the Feb. 18, 2015 memo to the Board outlining the actions taken by COG and a number of its public safety committees and by WMATA in response to the January 12, 2015 Metrorail L'Enfant Plaza smoke incident. Staff informed the committee that this memo would be updated with activities undertaken since the February TPB meeting. The committee was also informed of the planned briefing by COG and WMATA staffs to the Board on April 15, 2015.

- TPB Agenda Item 8

Staff reviewed the activities of the transportation sector group of the COG multi-disciplinary professional working group to develop a multi-sector action plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and criteria pollutants. In December, the TPB committed to support this working group. The committee recommended that the TPB receive a briefing on this topic at its April 15 meeting.

Three items were presented for information and discussion:

- The Committee was briefed on a multi-year strategic plan that is currently under formulation to refine the TPB staff's existing travel forecasting methods and practices. Several supporting activities have been recently undertaken, including a survey of technical stakeholders in the region and a national survey of travel modeling practices at peer MPOs. Staff reviewed how the plan is currently being formulated and shared preliminary results of the surveys.
- In November, in response to a request from the TPB, the Committee was briefed on the development of a list of transportation projects which could not be included in the CLRP because funding has not been identified. The TPB jurisdictions and agencies have been requested to provide recognized priority transportation projects and their cost estimates for inclusion in the regional list. The Committee was updated on the project inputs received to date for the development of this list.
- 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 – April 3, 2015**

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