

REPORT

TPB Citizens Advisory Committee

September 10, 2015

Bob Summersgill, Chair

On September 10, the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) discussed the upcoming TPB agenda, including items related to the 2015 CLRP amendment. The committee was also provided with an update on the Multi-Sector Working Group and discussed the regional list of unfunded capital needs.

2015 CLRP

Andrew Austin, of DTP staff, provided an overview of the 2015 CLRP amendment, which includes more than 500 projects in the Washington region that will cost approximately \$243 billion. He also highlighted major road and transit projects in the plan, and presented the schedule for public comment period.

Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Jane Posey, of DTP staff, presented on the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2015 CLRP. She stated the summary report of the analysis is conducted in compliance with the Clean Air Act to monitor levels of criteria pollutants. In addition to the normal modelling, this year staff also analyzed alternatives for Interstate 66 for VDOT. Overall the analysis found that several pollutants are in decline for the regional, mostly as a result of tougher federal emissions regulations. She added that public comment period for the analysis is underway.

CLRP Performance Analysis

Dan Sonenklar, of DTP staff, reviewed the Performance Analysis of the 2015 CLRP. The analysis showed data on job accessibility, changes in commuting mode share, rates of VMT, as well as population and job growth to 2040.

Committee members asked if changes in VMT were a local phenomenon or part of a national trend. But short term trends in the regional show decreasing VMT, but nationally there has been an increase in VMT. He discussed economic trends and how they affect national versus local data and VMT.

Mr. Griffiths also noted that the TPB is looking for ways to experiment with changing the TPB household data survey, including using mobile applications.

Multi-Sector Working Group on Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Mr. Griffiths presented on the interim findings of the MSWG on greenhouse gas emissions. The group has created projections on emissions to 2030–2040, based on their recommendations and existing local policies and programs. To meet the 2050 goal of 80% reduction based 2012 emissions, the recommendations across all sectors would make up 2/3rd of the reductions, but local governments would still have to find additional ways to make up the final 1/3rd.

Regional Unfunded Capital Needs

John Swanson, of TPB staff, led a discussion around the Unfunded Projects Lists. The TPB has created a working group to work on the list, and Chair Summersgill appointed Gary Hodge to represent the CAC in the group. Mr. Swanson asked the committee to think about what policy questions to consider from the list.

Committee members suggested the following ways in which the list might be used:

- Prioritizing projects by jurisdiction and by region;
- Grouping projects by type;
- Analyzing Cost effectiveness on the regional level;
- Identifying projects that expand access to jobs, particularly for people on the eastern side of the region;
- Identifying which projects work to achieve GHG emissions reductions goals;
- Highlighting projects to improve safety;
- Identifying gaps and/or projects that are not in the plans of TPB members.
- Identifying projects that can be implemented rapidly; and
- Cross-jurisdictional projects.

ATTENDEES

Members Present

Bob Summersgill (DC)
 Gary V. Hodge (MD)
 Jeremy Martin (MD)
 Holly Muhammad (DC)
 Jeff Parnes (VA)
 Lorena Rios (VA)
 Douglas Stewart (VA)
 Stephen Still (VA)
 Emmet Tydings (MD)

Alternates Present

Nancy Abeles (MD)
 Rob Jackson (VA)
 Emily Oaksford (DC)

Members Not Present

Keith Benjamin (DC)
 Veronica O. Davis (DC)
 John D. Epps (MD)
 Andrea Hamre (VA)
 Tom Sanchez (DC)
 Tina Slater (MD)
 Alex D. Tremble (MD)

TPB

Kanti Srikanth, DTP staff
 Bob Griffiths, DTP Staff
 John Swanson, DTP staff
 Jane Posey, DTP staff
 Andrew Austin, DTP staff
 Bryan Hayes, DTP staff
 Dan Sonenklar, DTP staff
 Lamont B. Cobb, DTP staff

Guests

Bill Orleans