TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights

April 9, 2010

The Technical Committee met on April 9 at COG. Eight items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda on April 21.

■ TPB agenda Item 7

The Committee was briefed on the regional Bike to Work Day events organized at thirty-five locations in the region for Friday May 21.

■ TPB agenda Item 8

The Committee was updated on the agenda for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) certification review of the transportation planning process for the Washington region on April 15, 19-20. The Committee was also briefed on responses to 150 questions on the process from FTA and FHWA that were submitted March 24.

■ TPB agenda Item 9

Consultant staff briefed the Committee on the status and key issues regarding the financial analysis for the 2010 CLRP. The Technical Committee discussed funding for WMATA through a continuation of the Davis bill from 2021 to 2040. The funding requires a 50 percent match from D.C., Maryland, and Virginia; only Maryland has committed the matching funds. Therefore the committee recommended that the financial analysis not include an assumption of Davis bill funding past 2021 but the report should provide a detailed description of WMATA funding issues.

■ TPB agenda Item 10

The Committee was briefed on the major projects submitted by the transportation agencies for the air quality conformity assessment for the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP. On April 15, the project submissions are scheduled to be released for a public comment period, and on May 19 the TPB is scheduled to approve the project submissions.

■ TPB agenda Item 11

The Committee was briefed on the draft scope of work for the air quality conformity assessment for the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP. On April 15, the draft scope of work is scheduled to be released for a public comment period, and on May 19 the TPB is scheduled to approve the scope of work.

■ TPB agenda Item 12

The Committee was briefed on the outcomes from COG's April 5th After Action Leadership Forum on Regional Snow Response and next steps in preparing for the 2010-2011 snow season.

TPB agenda Item 13

The Committee was briefed on current activities for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination (MATOC) Program and the status of preparations and funding for FY2011.

■ TPB agenda Item 15

The Committee was updated on the status of the TPB Regional Priority Bus Project Grant under the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program.

One item was presented for information and discussion:

- WMATA staff briefed the Committee on the recently completed Metrobus Priority Corridor Network Evaluation study which quantified the benefits of running way improvements on 23 corridors in the region.
- The Committee discussed the request by Martz National Coach for federal assistance for commuter bus service between Fredericksburg and Washington DC. Staff presented some information on how other metropolitan areas are handling such requests.

Due to time constraints, the following Technical Committee agenda items were deferred to the May 5 meeting:

- WMATA's Regional Transit System Plan;
- 2010 Congestion Management Process Technical Report; the Transportation Safety Element of the CLRP; the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan; and the Regional Freight Plan;
- Draft Strategic Plan for the Management, Operations, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (MOITS) Program; and
- Changes in travel patterns from the 1994 and 2007/2008 Regional Household Travel Surveys.

TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES ATTENDANCE - April 9, 2010

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VDRPT		Other Particpants	
NVPDC			
VDOA		Arlee Reno, Cambridge Systematics	
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