

# National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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## TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

Date: Friday, December 7, 2012  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Training Center  
777 N. Capitol Street, N.E.

9:00 1. **Welcome and Approval of Minutes from the November 2 Technical Committee Meeting**

[TPB Technical Committee Minutes - November 2012](#)

..... Chairman Rawlings

### ITEMS FOR THE BOARD AGENDA

9:10 2. **Update on an Additional Air Quality Conformity Analysis to Respond to the EPA Redesignation of the Washington Region under the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)**

..... Jane Posey, DTP  
On May 21, 2012, EPA issued the final designation for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), with the Washington Metropolitan Area designated as marginal nonattainment. This designation requires a new air quality conformity analysis of the Washington region's 2012 CLRP and FY 2013-2018 TIP that will include the region's new 2015 attainment year. The Committee will be updated on the draft 2015 forecast year air quality conformity assessment of the 2012 CLRP and FY2013-2018 TIP. On November 15, the assessment was released for a 30-day public comment period that will end on December 15. At the December 19 meeting, the TPB will be asked to approve the air quality conformity assessment.

- [Update on an Additional Air Quality Conformity Analysis](#)

9:20 3. **Briefing on a Report on the Implementation of Complete Streets Policies in the Washington Region**

..... Michael Farrell, DTP  
At the May 16, 2012 meeting, the TPB approved the Complete Streets Policy for the National Capital Region to encourage TPB member jurisdictions and agencies that do not have a policy, or who are revising an existing policy, to adopt a policy that includes common elements that the TPB believes represent current best practices. The Committee will be briefed on the results of a survey on the status of Complete Streets polices in the region.

9:40 4. **Briefing on a Draft TPB Letter to the Legislatures of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia Expressing Support for Action on Transportation Funding**

..... Ron Kirby, DTP  
At its November 28 meeting, the TPB was briefed on the performance of the

2012 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) for the National Capital Region. One of the most significant regional challenges highlighted by the 2012 CLRP is the need for additional funding for both transit and roadways to address maintenance and rehabilitation requirements and capacity improvements needed to accommodate a growing region. The Committee will be briefed on the performance analysis and challenges of the 2012 CLRP and an initial draft letter to the legislatures of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia which expresses TPB support for increases in transportation funding.

- [2012 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan \(CLRP\) for the National Capital Region](#)

10:10 5. **Update on the Implementation of the New Transportation Alternatives Program under MAP-21 in the Washington Region**

..... John Swanson, DTP

MAP- 21 established the Transportation Alternatives Program to fund small projects considered “alternatives” to traditional highway construction. It combines several formerly stand-alone programs, including Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to School, and Recreational Trails. In November, the Committee was briefed on the new program and the potential role of the TPB in the selection of projects under the program. The Committee will be updated on TPB staff discussions with the DOTs about the implementation of the program in the Washington Region.

- [Update on the Implementation of the New Transportation Alternatives Program MAP-21](#)
- [TAP Presentation](#)

10:25 6. **Update on the Implementation of the New Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility Program under MAP-21 in the Washington Region**

.....Wendy Klancher, DTP

On October 10, 2012, FTA issued interim guidance on MAP-21 which states that the MPO should initiate discussions on the designated recipient for the new Section 5310 program. In November, the Committee was briefed on how the new program changed the three former FTA programs: Job Access and Reverse Commute, New Freedom, and Elderly and Disabled, and on potential designated recipient(s) for this program in the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. The Committee will be updated on TPB staff discussions with the DOTs and WMATA about the implementation of the program in the Washington Region.

- [5310 Proposal Memo](#)
- [Update on New 5310 Enhanced Mobility Program Under MAP-21 Presentation](#)

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

10:40 7. **Briefing on the Draft Maryland Statewide Interim Rail Plan**

..... Nicole Katsikides,  
MDOT, Office of Freight and Multimodalism

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The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Office of Freight and Multimodalism (OFM) is in the process of developing the Statewide Interim Rail Plan that will be compliant with the Passenger Rail Improvement and Investment Act (PRIIA). The Committee will be briefed on PRIIA requirements and rail project needs and policies in the plan as provided by the state's public and private rail entities.

- 11:00 8. **Briefing on the Update of Transportation Emissions Reduction Measures (TERMs) for the Washington Region**  
.....Elena Constantine , DTP  
Staff will brief the Committee on steps underway to update the TERM tracking sheet to ensure that TERMS are available for use in air quality conformity determinations should the need for additional reduction measures arise.
- 11:15 9. **Status Report on the TPB Website “Transportation Planning Information Hub for the National Capital Region”**  
..... John Swanson, DTP  
A web-based clearinghouse is under development on the region's transportation planning activities. Drawing from the TPB Citizens Guide, this clearinghouse will provide explanations of how transportation decisions are made at the local, state and regional levels, and will provide information and links regarding various planning activities that affect the decisions that are ultimately reflected in the CLRP. Staff will brief the Committee on the site's organization and features and solicit member review and comments. The site is to be launched in early in 2013.
- 11:35 10. **Status Report on a Summary Guide for the FY 2013-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**  
.....Andrew Austin, DTP  
The TIP is a complex technical document that provides a multi-modal listing of the numerous projects, studies and programs throughout the region for which the obligation of federal funds has been programmed. While it provides a medium for local elected officials, agency staff, and interested members of the public to review and comment on the project funding priorities, a more “user-friendly” guide and summary of the TIP is desirable. Staff will brief the Committee on an initial version of a summary guide for the FY 2013-2018 TIP.
- 11:55 11. **Other Business**
- 12:00 12. **Adjourn**

Enclosures not referenced in the above agenda:

- [TPB Work Program Progress Report - October 2012](#)
- • [CAC Report - November 2012](#)

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