

TPB Technical Committee May 1 Meeting Highlights

May 14, 2015

The Technical Committee met on May 1 at the Ronald F. Kirby Training Center at COG. The following items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda for May 20:

- TPB agenda Item 8

Staff from WMATA provided a briefing on research on the value of increasing walkability near station areas and spoke about a new study that will compile and prioritize walk/bike access projects within a half mile of all of Metro's 91 stations. This project leverages some of the TPB's recent work promoting pedestrian and bicycle accessibility.

- TPB agenda Item 9

Staff from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation briefed the committee on the Tier II Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process currently underway for the Washington, D.C. to Centralia, Virginia corridor (the DC2RVA high-speed rail project). The committee suggested some changes in the presentation and recommended that it be presented to the TPB.

- TPB agenda Item 10

Staff briefed the committee on the activities of COG's Multi-Sector Working Group (MSWG) on Greenhouse Gas Emissions. The committee recommended that staff present information on these activities, including results of an MSWG meeting on May 8, at the TPB's May 20 meeting.

- TPB agenda Item 11

Staff briefed the committee on the development of a regional 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 projects and cost estimates for inclusion in this regional list. After determining that the draft list needs further development before it is presented, the committee recommended that the TPB receive a short status report on this project on May 20 instead of a full briefing.

The following item was presented for information and discussion:

- The committee was briefed on the Report "Peak Car Travel: An Analysis of Trends in the National Capital Region." Drawing on recent national research showing how peaking in VMT began far before 2004 in the U.S., this presentation shared statewide VMT trends in the National Capital Region and placed them in the national timeline context. In addition, potential causes for these trends were discussed, and thoughts about emerging trends were discussed.

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ATTENDANCE – May 1, 2015**

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John Morton, Consultant