

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date: Friday, July 8, 2011
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Training Center
777 N. Capitol Street, N.E.

- 9:00 1. **Welcome and Approval of Minutes from the June 3 Technical Committee Meeting**
..... Chairman Kellogg

ITEMS FOR THE BOARD AGENDA

- 9:05 2. **Briefing on Regional Car Free Day 2011**
The Committee will be briefed on the regional Car Free Day event scheduled for Wednesday September 21 in tandem with the World Car Free Day event. The TPB will be asked to approve a proclamation making September 21 Regional Car Free Day 2011.
..... Nick Ramfos, DTP

- 9:15 3. **Update on the Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis, the Amendment to the 2010 CLRP to Modify the I-95/395 HOV/HOT Lanes Project, Widen I-66 between US 29 and Route 15, and Add a Ramp from the HOV Lanes of I-395 to Seminary Road, and an Amendment to the FY 2011-2016 TIP to Include FY 2011 Funding for the I-66 Project**
At its June 15 meeting, the TPB was briefed on draft conformity results for an amendment to the 2010 CLRP to remove the I-95/395 HOV/HOT lanes project and its components in its entirety, add a HOV/HOT lanes project on I-95 between I-495 and Garrisonville Road/Route 610 in Stafford County, widen I-66 to 8 lanes including HOV lanes between US 29 and Route 15, and add a reversible one-lane ramp from the HOV lanes of I-395 to and from Seminary Road. The draft conformity results and financial plan information for the projects were released for a 30-day public comment period on June 15, and the TPB is scheduled to adopt the conformity analysis and 2010 CLRP amendment at its July 20 meeting. The Committee will be updated on the enclosed draft air quality conformity assessment, 2010 CLRP amendment and FY 2011-2016 TIP amendment. (Attachment)
..... Jane Posey, DTP
Kanti Srikanth, VDOT

- 9:25 4. **Briefing on Proposed Recipients Under the FY 2012 Transportation/Land Use Connection (TLC) Program**
The Committee will be briefed on the applications received from local jurisdictions for technical assistance to advance their transportation and land use coordination activities, and on the recipients recommended for funding by the selection panel. The TPB will be asked to approve the recommended recipients for assistance for FY 2012 at its July 20 meeting. (Attachment)
..... Sarah Crawford, DTP

- 9:40 5. **Update on the Scope and Process to Develop a TPB Regional Transportation Priorities Plan**
 The Committee will be updated on the draft scope and process to develop a Regional Transportation Priorities Plan, which was presented to the TPB at its June 15 meeting. The scope is scheduled to be approved by the TPB at its July 20 meeting. Ron Kirby, DTP
- 9:55 6. **Briefing on the “TIGER III” Grant Program, and Discussion of Projects Under Development for Applications under Four FTA Competitive Grant Programs**
 On July 1, USDOT released in the Federal Register the Interim Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for \$527 million in discretionary surface transportation grant funding for the TIGER III program with pre-applications due on October 3 and final applications on October 31. The Committee will be briefed on the key features of this program, and a proposed project that is under development for an application to implement pedestrian and bicycle access improvements in rail station areas. During June, FTA released NOFAs for four competitive grant programs with applications from states and designated recipients due in the next 30 to 60 days. Members will be asked to report on their proposed applications and any required TPB involvement. (Attachment)
 Ron Kirby, DTP
- 10:15 7. **Briefing on the Submission by COG of a Grant Application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program**
 HUD has announced its intention to offer competitive funding for grants to support multi-jurisdictional regional planning efforts that would help integrate housing, transportation, environmental impact, and economic development. The Committee will be briefed on the development of a COG sustainable communities planning grant application under this HUD program. (Attachment)
 John Mataya, DCPS
- 10:30 8. **Briefing on Amendments to the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to Revise the Budget and to Respond to the Federal Transportation Planning Certification Review**
 Since the FY 2012 UPWP was approved in March, the funding allocations provided by DDOT, MDOT and VDOT have been revised to reflect changes in new FY 2012 funding and adjustments in the unobligated FY 2010 funding. The Committee will be briefed on an amendment to revise the budget to reflect the funding changes. At its May 18 meeting, the TPB was briefed on the recent FTA and FHWA certification review of the transportation planning process for the Washington DC-VA-MD Transportation Management Area. The Committee will be briefed on proposed amendments to the FY 2010 UPWP to implement the recommendations and corrective actions included in the federal certification report. The TPB will be asked to approve these amendments at its meeting on September 21. (Attachment)
 Ron Kirby, DTP
- 10:45 9. **Update on COG’s Regional Major Incident Response Action Plan**
 At its April meeting, the Committee was briefed on a new COG steering committee that will develop an action plan to identify improvements to regional incident management arising from the experience of the January 26 snow

event. The Committee will be updated on activities to date to develop the action plan.Andrew Meese, DTP

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- 10:55 10. **Briefing on the Housing and Transportation Cost Study for the Washington Metropolitan Area**
At the June 3 meeting, the Committee was briefed on the methodology and initial results of the Housing and Transportation Cost Study for the Washington Metropolitan Area prepared by the DC Office of Planning and the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT). The Committee will be briefed on the final report. (Attachment)
..... Peter Haas, CNT
- 11:10 11. **Briefing on the I-95 Corridor Coalition’s Green Corridors Eco-Driving Campaign**
The purpose of the Green Corridors Initiative on Eco-Driving is to educate motorists about changes they can make to reduce emissions and conserve fuel. The campaign was launched in the Washington metropolitan region just before the 4th of July. The Committee will be briefed on the campaign.
..... Nick Ramfos, DTP
- 11:20 12. **Briefing on Response to the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee’s (CAC) Recommendation on a Regional Policy on Complete Streets**
At the June 15 TPB meeting, the CAC requested that the TPB develop and approve a Regional Policy on Complete Streets and that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee take the lead in developing this policy. The Committee will be briefed on the CAC’s recommendation and proposed activities to respond. (Attachment)
..... Michael Farrell, DTP
- 11:35 13. **Update on a Joint Letter from the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) and the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) Regarding its TIP Project Section Process**
FAMPO is included in the recent federal transportation planning certification review because a small portion of the Washington DC-VA-MD TMA extends into a portion of Stafford County which is in the FAMPO area. One of the 4 corrective actions that FAMPO must address requires that FAMPO and the CTB submit a joint letter to FTA and FHWA confirming the FAMPO project selection process for RSTP and CMAQ projects. The Committee will be updated on the joint letter.
..... Kanti Srikanth, VDOT
- 11:40 14. **Briefing on COG’s Efforts to Develop a Regional Climate Adaptation Plan**
COG has received an EPA grant for consultant assistance to draft a regional climate adaptation plan which is intended to identify climate change vulnerabilities and smart growth strategies in four sectors: land use, building, transportation and water. The Committee will be briefed on the grant and asked to provide comments. The Committee will also be asked to suggest invitees for a transportation sector meeting in which more detailed feedback on the adaption plan will be solicited.
.....Maia Davis, DEP

11:55 15. **Other Business**

12:00 16. **Adjourn**

Enclosures not referenced in the above agenda:

- May Progress Report
- Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee