

TPB Technical Committee July 10 Meeting Highlights

July 16, 2015

The Technical Committee met on July 10 at the Ronald F. Kirby Training Center at COG. The following items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda for July 22:

- TPB agenda item 7

TPB staff briefed the committee on projects that a selection panel has recommended to receive technical assistance in FY2016 under the TPB's Transportation/Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program. Noting the TLC Program has funded 83 projects to date, committee members suggested staff might conduct an evaluation of the program in the future. Committee members also questioned how the two different sources of funding for the program were being allocated. The TPB will be asked to approve the project recommendations at its meeting on July 22.

- TPB agenda item 8

The committee was briefed on projects in Maryland that a selection panel has recommended for funding under the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). For each state in our region, the TPB is responsible for selecting projects for a sub-allocated portion of TAP funding. The TPB will be asked to approve the project recommendations at its meeting on July 22.

- TPB agenda item 9

The committee was briefed on the regional Car Free Day event scheduled for Tuesday, September 22 in tandem with the World Car Free Day event on September 22. The committee recommended the TPB approve a proclamation making September 22 Regional Car Free Day 2015.

- TPB agenda Item 10

The committee discussed the Transportation Planning Certification Review of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process for the Washington, DC-VA-MD Transportation Management Area. Because staff from the Federal Transit Agency briefed the committee on this topic in June, discussion in July focused on TPB staff responses to the commendations and recommendations. The committee recommends the TPB receive a briefing on it.

- TPB agenda item 11

The committee was briefed by TPB staff on planned presentations at the TPB's July meeting on passenger rail safety and preparedness initiatives in our region. Staff explained that the TPB will be briefed by representatives of the region's railroads on positive train control (PTC), travel contingencies, and related issues. The committee expressed interest in these topics and recommended the TPB receive the planned briefing.

- TPB agenda item 12

TPB staff briefed the committee on the implementation of the TPB's \$58 million grant under the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program. The committee suggested that the TPB briefing on this material should focus on potential red flags that might hinder project completion.

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

- The committee was briefed on the first draft of an update to the regional freight plan. This plan addresses the region's freight system performance and challenges; the freight multi-modal system of the region; and trends, needs, and recommendations. This 2015 plan will supersede the 2010 freight plan. A final draft plan of this plan is expected to be presented to the TPB in fall 2015.
- The committee was updated on the Work of the Activities of the Transportation Sector Group of the COG Multi-Sector Working Group (MSWG) to Examine Greenhouse Gas Reductions. The next meeting of the MSWG Transportation and Land Use Subgroup is on July 17.
- The committee was given a status report on the development of a regional list of unfunded transportation projects. The committee discussed the proposed establishment of a work group this fall to guide the development of this draft list and develop a scope of work activities that will utilize the list.
- The committee will be briefed on the highlights of the Annual Transit Forum for public and private providers of public transportation.

**TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES
ATTENDANCE – July 10, 2015**

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DDOT	Mark Rawlings
DCOP	Dan Emerine
	Tamara Vatnick

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Charles County	-----
Frederick County	-----
City of Frederick	-----
Gaithersburg	-----
Montgomery County	John Thomas
Prince George's County	Victor Weissberg
Rockville	-----
M-NCPPC	
Montgomery County	-----
Prince George's County	-----
MDOT	Lyn Erickson
	Matt Baker
Takoma Park	-----

VIRGINIA

Alexandria	Pierre Holloman
Arlington County	Dan Malouff
City of Fairfax	-----
Fairfax County	Mike Lake
	Malcom Watson
Falls Church	-----
Fauquier County	-----
Loudoun County	Robert Brown
Manassas	-----
NVTA	Sree Nampuothiri
NVTC	Karen Finucom Clarkson
Prince William County	James Davenport
PRTC	-----
VRE	Sonali Soneji
	Jon Howard
VDOT	Norman Whitaker
	Dan Painter
VDRPT	Tim Roseboom
NVPDC	-----
VDOA	-----

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FTA	-----
NCPC	-----
NPS	-----
MWAQC	-----
MWAA	-----

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