

# **APPENDIX C**

## **Interagency and Public Involvement Process**

# **National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board**

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**NOTE: Illustration of monthly  
Consultation letter**

May 14, 2010

**TO:** Transportation Consultation Agencies  
(United States Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Highway  
Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Metropolitan Washington Air  
Quality Committee, Air Quality Public Advisory Committee, and Transportation  
Planning Board Citizens Advisory Committee)

**FROM:** Ronald F. Kirby  
Director, Department of  
Transportation Planning

**SUBJECT:** Consultation with respect to TPB plans and programs

**Enclosure:**

- 1) Agenda for May 19, 2010 TPB meeting

This memo transmits the agenda for the May TPB meeting, which is relevant to TPB consultation with respect to air quality conformity. Materials associated with each agenda item are available on the TPB web site [www.mwcog.org](http://www.mwcog.org) under Dates and Events. As always, you are welcome to attend the TPB meetings (and/or any meetings of the TPB committees and their subcommittees). A schedule of monthly meetings is listed in the "Calendar of Events" in *TPB NEWS*.

Please be aware that there will be a meeting of the TPB Scenario Task Force from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in the COG Board Room. The purpose of the meeting is to review the final results of the "What Would it Take?" Greenhouse Gas Reduction Scenario, and to discuss future TPB scenario planning activities.

The May TPB agenda items relevant for transportation conformity and consultation are identified below.

Item 7 is an action item in which the Board will be briefed on the comments received and recommended responses, and asked to approve project submissions for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment for the 2010 Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and FY2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). At the April 21 meeting, the Board was briefed on the major project changes submitted for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment. The submissions were released for a public comment period that ended May 16.

Item 8 is an action item in which the Board will be briefed on the comments received and recommended responses, and asked to approve the scope of work for the air quality conformity assessment for the 2010 CLRP and FY2011-2016 TIP. At the April 21 meeting, the Board was briefed on the draft scope of work, which was released for a public comment period that ended May 16.

Item 10 is an information item in which the Board will be briefed on the final results for the “What Would It Take ?” scenario for greenhouse gas reduction. The scenario starts with goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions for 2030 and beyond, and examines how such goals might be pursued in the transportation sector through different combinations of three major strategies: increasing fuel efficiency, reducing the carbon-intensity of fuel, and improving travel efficiency. These results will be presented to COG’s Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEP) at its May 26 meeting.

Item 14 is a notice item in which Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has requested an amendment to the FY2010-2015 TIP to update project information on use of new federal funding for a number of projects. These include: system safety improvements, rail car replacement, track maintenance, and system infrastructure rehabilitation. The Board will be asked to approve this amendment at the June 16 meeting.

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## **MEETING NOTICE**

Date: May 19, 2010

Time: 12 noon

Place: COG Board Room

**Meeting of the TPB Scenario Task Force:** From 10:30 to 11:45 am, the task force will meet in the **COG Board Room** to review the final results of the "What Would it Take?" Greenhouse Gas Reduction Scenario, and to discuss future TPB scenario planning activities.

## **A-G-E-N-D-A (BEGINS PROMPTLY AT NOON)**

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| 12 noon               | 1. | <b>Public Comment on TPB Procedures and Activities</b> ..... Chairman Snyder  |
|                       |    | Interested members of the public will be given the opportunity to make brief comments on transportation issues under consideration by the TPB. Each speaker will be allowed up to three minutes to present his or her views. Board members will have an opportunity to ask questions of the speakers, and to engage in limited discussion. Speakers are asked to bring written copies of their remarks (65 copies) for distribution at the meeting. |
| 12:20 pm              | 2. | <b>Approval of Minutes of April 21 Meeting</b> ..... Chairman Snyder  |
| 12:25 pm              | 3. | <b>Report of Technical Committee</b> ..... Mr. Verzosa<br>Chair, Technical Committee  |
| 12:30 pm              | 4. | <b>Report of Citizen Advisory Committee</b> ..... Ms. Budetti<br>Chair, Citizen Advisory Committee  |
| 12:40 am<br>Director, | 5. | <b>Report of Steering Committee</b> ..... Mr. Kirby<br>Department of<br>Transportation Planning (DTP)   |
| 12:45 pm              | 6. | <b>Chairman's Remarks</b> ..... Chairman Snyder   |



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**ACTION ITEMS**

- 12:50 pm 7. **Review of Comments Received and Approval of Project Submissions for the Air Quality Conformity Assessment for the 2010 Financially Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and FY 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

.....Mr. Kirby

At the April 21 meeting, the Board was briefed on the major project changes submitted for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment for the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP which were released for a public comment period that ended May 16. The Board will be briefed on the comments received and recommended responses, and asked to approve project submissions for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment for the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP.

**Action:** Adopt Resolution R22-2010 to approve project submissions for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment for the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP.

- 12:55 pm 8. **Approval of Scope of Work for the Air Quality Conformity Assessment for the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP**

..... Ms. Posey, DTP

At the April 21 meeting, the Board was briefed on the draft scope of work for the air quality conformity assessment for the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP, which was released for a public comment period that ended May 16. The Board will be briefed on the comments received and recommended responses, and asked to approve the scope of work for the air quality conformity assessment for the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP.

**Action:** Approve the enclosed scope of work for the air quality conformity assessment for the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 1:00 pm 9. **Update on the TPB Regional Priority Bus Project under the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program, and Briefing on the “TIGER II” Grant Program Announced on April 26**

.....Mr. Kirby

Over the past two months, TPB staff has worked closely with FTA and the agencies responsible for implementing the Regional Priority Bus Project components under the \$58 million TIGER grant to meet initial grant requirements. The Board will be updated on these requirements, which include FTA approval of project scopes, schedules and budgets by May 15. On April 26, USDOT released in the *Federal Register* the Interim Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for \$600 million in discretionary surface transportation grant funding. Because the requirements of the new program are quite similar to the TIGER

Program, it is referred to as "TIGER II." The Board will be briefed on the key features of this new grant program.

1:10 pm 10.

**Briefing on the Final Results for the "What Would It Take?" Greenhouse Gas Reduction Scenario**

..... Ms. Bansal

The "What Would It Take?" scenario starts with goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions for 2030 and beyond and examines how such goals might be pursued in the transportation sector through different combinations of three major strategies: increasing fuel efficiency, reducing the carbon-intensity of fuel, and improving travel efficiency. The Board will be briefed on the final results from the analysis of this scenario. These results will be presented to COG's Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) at its May 26 meeting.

1:25 pm 11.

**Status Report on "Conversation on Setting Regional Transportation Priorities," May 26, 2010**

.....Mr. Kirby

The Conversation on Setting Regional Transportation Priorities is an invitation-based event including TPB members, TPB Technical Committee members, members of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), and representatives of other committees and subcommittees in the TPB committee structure. It will feature presentations by the TPB Officers and the CAC, followed by interactive discussion of regional transportation challenges and opportunities, and ideas for enhancing the process of setting and implementing regional transportation priorities. The Board will be updated on the expected attendees and final details for the meeting.

1:30 pm 12.

**Briefing on Proposed Response to the Request by Martz National Coach for Federal Assistance for Commuter Bus Service between Fredericksburg and Washington DC**

..... Mr. Kirby

In the enclosed letter of January 21, 2010, Martz National Coach has requested TPB support for its proposal to direct FTA Section 5307 funding for bus procurement, preventive maintenance, or capital cost of contracting for its commuter bus service between Fredericksburg and Washington, DC. The Board will be briefed on the request and on a proposed TPB response.

1:40 pm 13.

**Briefing on the Strategic Plan for the Management, Operations, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (MOITS) Program**

.....Mr. Andrew Meese, DTP

The Board will be briefed on the Strategic Plan for MOITS developed by a consultant team and staff. The Strategic Plan identifies MOITS-related projects or actions for future consideration by regional stakeholders, and will help guide upcoming MOITS committee activities.

**NOTICE ITEM**

- 1:50 pm     14.     **Notice of Proposed Amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to Update Project Information on Use of New Federal Funding for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)**  
.....Mr. Bottigheimer

On November 6, 2009, the TPB Steering Committee approved an amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to include up to \$150 million per year in new federal funding beginning in FY 2011. Notice is provided that WMATA has requested an amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to update information on the use of the funds for a number of projects including system safety improvements, rail car replacement, track maintenance, and system infrastructure rehabilitation. The Board will be asked to approve this amendment at the June16 meeting.

- 1:55 pm     15. **Other                    Business**

- 2:00 pm     16.     **Adjourn**

2 hours

Lunch will be served to Board members and alternates at 11:30 am

## Jane Posey

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**From:** MWCOG.org [tpbpubliccomment@mwkog.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2010 8:35 PM  
**To:** Jane Posey  
**Subject:** TPB Public Comment Notice: Project Submissions for the 2010 CLRP and FY2011-2016 TIP



### **TPB Releases Project Submissions for the 2010 CLRP and FY2011-2016 TIP for Public Comment**

On Thursday, April 15, 2010 the TPB released for public comment the draft project inputs for the air quality analysis of the 2010 Update to the National Capital Region's Financially Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and the FY 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TPB also released the Draft Scope of Work for the Air Quality Conformity Assessment. Comments can be submitted online at <http://www.mwkog.org/tpbpubliccomment>. The 30-day public comment period will close at midnight on Saturday, May 15, 2010.

For the 2010 Update to the CLRP, the only new regionally significant projects have been submitted by the District Department of Transportation, which has proposed four new projects. These projects include three additional segments of the DC Streetcar system and access improvements to the St. Elizabeth's campus – the future home of the Department of Homeland Security. Also included are a pilot project of protected bike lanes in downtown DC and a street-scaping project on Wisconsin Avenue NW in Glover Park that will both result in a reduction in the number of lanes for automobile traffic.

The following documents provide more information on the draft project inputs, the scope of work for the air quality analysis and the CLRP:

- [Summary of the Proposed Significant Changes to the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP for Air Quality Conformity Analysis](#)
- [Draft 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP Air Quality Conformity Inputs](#)
- [Draft Scope of Work for the Air Quality Conformity Assessment](#)
- [More information on existing projects in the CLRP and TIP](#)

Members of the public are invited to review and comment on the project inputs and scope of work by midnight on May 15, 2010. For additional information or for special assistance, please call (202) 962-3311 or (202) 962-3213 (TDD).

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## Events Calendar



### Events Calendar

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**October 14 2010**

**Title:** Public Information Session on the Financial Forecast for the Region's Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP)

**Start Time:** 07:00 PM

**End Time:** 08:00 PM

**Category:** Meeting

**Location:** Training Center

**Contact:** John Swanson

**Email:** [John Swanson](mailto:John.Swanson@mwkog.org)

**Description:** *What is the financial outlook for transportation projects in the region, both in the next couple years and over the next three decades?*

On October 14, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) will host a public meeting to discuss this question.

We will look at the changing financial context for transportation planning, including the funding that is forecast to be available over the next 30 years and the funding that is needed to fulfill the transportation system envisioned in the TPB's Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP). TPB staff will also present information about projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which lists projects and programs that will be funded in the next six years.

The CLRP and TIP will be released for a 30-day public comment period at this meeting. For more information, contact John Swanson at 202-962-3295 or [jswanson@mwkog.org](mailto:jswanson@mwkog.org). More information on the documents may be found here: [CLRP Website](#).

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The CLRP shows the road, bridge, high-occupancy vehicle (HOV), transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects funded through the year 2040. The six-year TIP includes all projects, programs, and strategies that state and local transportation agencies plan to implement between 2010 and 2016. The TIP comment process is being used to obtain comments on the region's projects that are funded by the Federal Transit Administration (including Section 5307 funds) and the Federal Highway Administration. The air quality conformity analysis assesses the plan amendments and program with respect to the air quality requirements under the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

Members of the public are invited to submit comments on the draft documents on-line at [www.mwcoq.org/tpbpubliccomment/](http://www.mwcoq.org/tpbpubliccomment/). Written comments can also be mailed to TPB Chairman David Snyder, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), 777 N. Capitol St. NE, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20002.

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# EL PREGONERO

**PERIODO DE COMENTARIO PÚBLICO PARA LA PROPUESTAS DE LA REGIÓN DE WASHINGTON Y LA ACTUALIZACIÓN DE LA ENMIENDA DEL PLAN ABLIGATORIO DE LARGO ALCANZE (CLRP), DEL AÑO FISCAL 2011-2016 PROGRAMA DE MEJORA DE TRANSPORTE (TIP), Y ANÁLISIS DE LA CONFORMIDAD DE LA CALIDAD DEL AIRE.**

La Junta de Planificación Regional Metropolitana de Transporte (TPB) iniciará un período de comentarios públicos por 30 días para la presentación propuestas para la actualización del Plan obligatorio de largo alcance del 2010 (CLRP) y del Programa del Mejoramiento de Transporte (TIP) del año fiscal 2011-2016, incluyendo un análisis de la conformidad de la calidad del aire, el 15 de Abril.

Este período de comentarios públicos se extenderá hasta el Sábado 15 de Mayo del 2010. El TPB tiene previsto aprobar estas propuestas en su reunión del 19 de Mayo del 2010. Los miembros del público está invitado a revisar los documentos de estos proyectos de en la página web del COG, [www.mwcoo.org/transportation/](http://www.mwcoo.org/transportation/). Estos materiales también se podrán revisar en el Consejo Metropolitano de Gobierno de Washington (COG), en la 777, N. Capitol St. NE, Washington, DC 20002.

El CLRP muestra los camino, puente, las rutas de los vehículos de alta ocupación (HOV), de tránsito en general, bicicletas y proyectos para peatones financiados hasta el año 2040. El TIP incluye todos los proyectos, programas y estrategias que las agencias estatales y locales del Plan de Transport planean aplicar entre 2010 y 2016.

El proceso de comentarios TIP se está utilizando para obtener comentarios sobre los proyectos de la región que son financiados por la Administración Federal de Tránsito (Incluida la Sección 5307 de fondos) y la Administración Federal de Carreteras. En el análisis de la calidad de conformidad del aire se evalúan los ajustes en el plan y el programa con respecto a los requisitos de calidad del aire en el marco de la Enmienda y la Ley del Aire Limpio del 1990.

Los miembros del público están invitados a presentar sus observaciones en línea sobre los documentos en [www.mwcoo.org/topubliccomment/](http://www.mwcoo.org/topubliccomment/). Los comentarios escritos pueden ser enviados a Presidente del TPB David Snyder.

Al Consejo de Gobierno del área Metropolitana de Washington (COG), 777 N. Capitol St. NE, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20002.

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Members of the public are invited to submit comments on the draft documents on-line at [www.mwco.gov/tipubliccomment/](http://www.mwco.gov/tipubliccomment/). Written comments can also be mailed to TPB Chairman David Snyder, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), 777 N. Capitol St. NE, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20002.

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