

TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights

May 3, 2013

The Technical Committee met on May 3rd at COG. Three items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda for May 15th.

- TPB agenda Item 8

Staff briefed the Committee on changes in regional commuting patterns and shifts in single occupant vehicle (SOV), carpool, transit and biking commuting modal shares since the 2007/2008 TPB Household Survey, based on analysis of more recent journey to work data collected in the American Community Surveys conducted by the US Census Bureau.

- TPB agenda Item 9

The TPB Regional Transportation Priorities Plan (RTPP) is being developed to identify regional strategies that offer the greatest potential contributions toward addressing regional challenges. The Committee was briefed on the activities conducted since the second interim report of July 18, 2012, including the development of descriptions of near-term, on-going and long-term strategies for inclusion in a web-based tool to survey a representative sample of the general public. The survey is determining public attitudes about which strategies are considered to be most beneficial to address the challenges and how they might be funded.

- TPB agenda Item 10

At the December 19 meeting, the TPB received a request from the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership to adopt a regional Green Streets policy, parallel to its adopted regional Complete Streets policy. The Committee was briefed on the April 8 workshop on Green Streets and identified next steps for considering a regional Green Streets policy.

Five items were presented for information and discussion:

- At the February 20 meeting, the TPB requested an update on traffic signal timing and optimization in the Washington region, as had been compiled in previous years as part of an air quality Transportation Emissions Reduction Measure (TERM). The Committee was updated on a current staff survey of the region's traffic signals agencies, as well as plans for subcommittee review and later presentation to the TPB.
- VDOT is updating its statewide road and highway functional classification system last updated in 2005. VDOT staff briefed the Committee on the functional classification in Northern Virginia which the TPB will be asked to approve prior to VDOT submittal of the final functional classification inventory to FHWA.

- The schedule for the 2013 CLRP and FY 2013-2018 TIP amendments calls for the CLRP and TIP inputs and required Congestion Management forms to be submitted by May 3. The Committee was updated on the status of the CLRP and TIP amendment inputs. The draft CLRP and TIP amendments will be presented at the June 7 Technical Committee meeting and then released for public comment on June 13. After the 30-day comment period, the TPB will be asked to approve the 2013 CLRP, FY 2013-2018 TIP amendments and Air Quality Conformity Assessment at its July 17 meeting.
- District Department of Transportation (DDOT) staff briefed the Committee on its new Commercial Curbside Loading Zone Program which is being implemented this summer to maximize the use of curbside space, provide for efficient movement of freight, and improve traffic flow.
- Committee members received a tour of the draft site of the new web-based TPB clearinghouse on the region's transportation planning activities. The site will provide interested members of the public explanations of how transportation decisions are made at the local, state and regional levels, and contain information and links regarding state and local planning activities around the region.

**TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES
ATTENDANCE - May 3, 2013**

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Fairfax Co. Mike Lake
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