

TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights November 7, 2003

The Technical Committee met on Friday, November 7 at COG. Seven items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda on November 19.

- TPB agenda Item 8

Staff briefed the Committee on an update to the results of the air quality conformity analysis of the 2003 Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and FY 2004-2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Committee recommended that the conformity determination be approved at the November 19 TPB meeting if EPA approval of the new mobile emissions budgets is received by that time.

- TPB agenda Items 9 and 10

The Committee discussed the final draft maps and lists of projects in the 2003 CLRP and the final draft FY 2004-2009 TIP document. The Committee recommended that the full CLRP and TIP be approved at the November 19 TPB meeting if the air quality conformity determination is approved at that time.

- TPB agenda Items 11 and 12

The Committee reviewed the final draft lists of projects to be included or modified in, or removed from, the full 2003 CLRP and FY 2004-2009 TIP in order to create interim CLRP and TIP documents. The Committee recommended that the interim CLRP and TIP be approved on November 19 if the Board is unable to approve the air quality conformity determination at that time.

- TPB agenda Item 16

The Committee was briefed on proposed TPB comments to MWAQC on the revised SIPs dealing with revisions to the 2005 mobile emissions budgets; transportation control measure (TCM) substitution; and the development of budgets for meeting transportation conformity requirements under the new 8-hour standard. The Committee recommended that the Board review and submit the proposed comments to MWAQC.

- TPB agenda Item 17

Consultant staff briefed the Committee on the new study to quantify the region's near-term transit and highway funding needs and priorities and to identify specific sources of revenues over the six-year period 2005 to 2010. The study is scheduled to be completed in draft for presentation to the TPB at its December 17 meeting.

Four items were presented for information and discussion:

- The Committee was updated on the activities related to the revised State Implementation Plan (SIP) to be submitted to EPA in early 2004 by the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC).
- The Committee was briefed on the joint public hearings/open houses being held to review two new statewide MDOT initiatives: the Transportation Task Force, which is

identifying critical needs through 2010 and recommending new revenue options; and the Maryland Transportation Plan which is MDOT's long-range policy blueprint for providing state transportation services and infrastructure over the next 20 years.

- Staff briefed the Committee on recent activities related to the Transportation Research Board's (TRB) first letter report on "A Review of Travel Demand Modeling by the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board."
- Staff reviewed the status of the alternative land use scenarios for the Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study. The transportation subgroup met to identify transportation scenarios on October 20. The next meeting of the Joint Technical Working Group (JTWG) for this study is scheduled for November 14.