

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: May 20, 2009
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 receive a status report on the “What Would It Take?” and “CLRP Aspirations” transportation and land use scenarios, and to review the development of a priority bus project that could be submitted for a competitive grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

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| 12 noon | 1. | Public Comment on TPB Procedures and Activities | Chairman Jenkins |
| | | 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 two 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. | Approval of Minutes of April 15 Meeting | Chairman Jenkins |
| 12:25 pm | 3. | Report of Technical Committee | Mr. Erenrich
Chair, Technical Committee |
| 12:30 pm | 4. | Report of Citizen Advisory Committee | Mr. Keough
Chair, Citizen Advisory Committee |
| 12:40 am | 5. | Report of Steering Committee | Mr. Kirby
Director, Department of
Transportation Planning (DTP) |
| 12:45 pm | 6. | Chairman’s Remarks | Chairman Jenkins |



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ACTION ITEM

12:50 pm

- 7. **Approval of Amendments to the FY 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Include Projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

..... Mr. Kirby

At the April 15 meeting, the Board amended the FY 2009-2014 TIP to include American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded projects for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). The Board was also informed about administrative modifications to the FY 2009-2014 TIP to include ARRA funded projects for the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the District of Columbia Department of Transportation. The Board will be briefed on proposed amendments to the FY 2009-2014 TIP to include the ARRA projects as requested by VDOT, MDOT, Montgomery, Frederick, Prince George's and Charles Counties. The Board will be asked to amend the FY 2009-2014 TIP as described in the attached materials.

Action: Adopt Resolutions R26-2009, R27-2009, R28-2009, R29-2009 R30-2009, and R31-2009 to amend the FY 2009-2014 TIP to include ARRA projects as described in the attached materials.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1:00 pm

- 8. **Status Report on the Draft 2009 CLRP and the FY 2010-2015 TIP, and the Related Air Quality Conformity Assessment**

..... Mr. Kirby

At the February 18 and March 18 meetings, the Board approved the major projects submitted for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment for the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP. On June 11 the draft 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP together with a conformity assessment will be released for public comment. Also on June 11, the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) will host a public meeting on the new TIP. The Board will be given a status report on the draft plan, TIP, and related conformity assessment, including mobile emission rates based upon the composition of the vehicle fleet in July 2008.

1:10 pm

- 9. **Briefing on 2008 Peak Period Freeway Congestion in the Washington Region and Changes Since 2005 and 2002**

..... Mr. Kirby

Since the early 1990s, the TPB has commissioned aerial surveys to monitor the performance of the regional freeway system during the morning and afternoon peak periods. The Board will be briefed on the recurring congestion observed in the latest survey of Spring 2008, and on changes in congestion locations and durations since the surveys of 2002 and 2005.

1:25 pm

- 10. **Briefing on Additional Findings from the 2007/2008 Regional Household Travel Survey**

..... Mr. Griffiths, DTP

At the March 18 meeting, the Board was briefed on jurisdictional level results from the 2007/2008 survey of over 10,000 households in the Washington Metropolitan region. The Board will be briefed on additional travel and socio-economic results focused on regional activity centers.

1:40 pm

- 11. **Update on the May 20 Scenario Task Force Meeting, the Development of a Regional Priority Bus Transit Project, and the June 24 TPB Conference: Opportunities For Priority Bus Transit in the Washington Region**

..... Ms. Tregoning
 Chair, Scenario Task Force
 Mr. Kirby

The TPB Scenario Task Force will meet prior to the May 20 TPB meeting. The Board will be updated on the activities of the Task Force, including the development of a regional priority bus transit project that could be submitted for a competitive grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Board will also be briefed on the one-day conference to be held June 24 on providing new transportation choices through transit prioritization strategies.

NOTICE ITEMS

1:45 pm

- 12. **Notice of Proposed Amendment to the 2009 CLRP to include the Purple Line Light Rail Project in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties**

..... Mr. Halligan, MDOT

The 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP are scheduled to be adopted by the TPB on July 15, 2009. The Maryland Mass Transit Administration (MTA) has completed the Alternative Analysis and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Purple Line, and is preparing to submit a New Starts application to the Federal Transit Administration for funding in the Fall of 2009. MDOT has requested that the TPB initiate the process to amend the 2009 CLRP to include the 16-mile Purple Line connecting the New Carrollton and Bethesda Metrorail stations, as described in the enclosed materials.

- 13. **Notice of Proposed Amendment to the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP to include the Closure of the I-395 Southbound Exit Ramp to 3rd Street NW, the Reconfiguration of the Southbound Entrance and Northbound Exit Ramps, and the Reconnection of F and G Streets between 2nd and 3rd Streets NW in Conjunction with the "Return to L'Enfant" Planned Unit Development on the I-395 Air Rights between E Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW**

..... Mr. Klein, DDOT

"Return to L'Enfant" is a planned unit development that will be built on a platform on the air rights over I-395 between E Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW. The key transportation components of the development include closure of the I-395 Southbound Exit Ramp to 3rd Street NW, the reconfiguration of the Southbound Entrance and Northbound Exit Ramps, and the reconnection of F and G Streets NW between 2nd and 3rd Streets. G Street NW will be open only for pedestrians and bicycles. DDOT has requested that the TPB initiate the process to amend the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP to include the "Return to L'Enfant" transportation components, as described in the enclosed materials.

- 14. **Notice of Proposed Draft Scope of Work for An Air Quality Conformity Assessment for An Amendment to the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP to Include the Projects Described in Items 12 and 13**

Mr. Kirby

MDOT and DDOT have requested that the TPB initiate the process to amend the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP to include the Purple Line Light Rail Project and the transportation components associated with the "Return to L'Enfant" development over I-395. An amendment to include these projects in the plan and TIP requires an air quality conformity assessment.

Following a public comment period which ends on June 13, the Board will be asked to approve the project submissions and the air quality conformity analysis scope of work for a plan and TIP amendment at the June 17, 2009 meeting. The draft conformity results for the amendment are scheduled to be released for public comment on September 10, and the TPB is scheduled to adopt the CLRP and TIP amendment and conformity analysis at its October 21, 2009 meeting.

2:00 pm 15 **Other Business Adjourn**

2:05 pm 16. **Adjourn**

2 hours 5 minutes

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