

**TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights**

**July 6, 2007**

The Technical Committee met on Friday, July 6 at COG. Six items were reviewed for inclusion on the July 18 TPB agenda.

- TPB agenda Item 7

Staff briefed the Committee on the proposed establishment of a TPB Task Force of taxicab regulators in the region, following up on the previous month's discussions. There were no additional comments from the Committee on the proposal, and the Committee agreed that it should be moved forward to the TPB for approval.

- TPB agenda Item 8

The Committee was briefed on the complaints voluntarily dismissed by plaintiffs Environmental Defense and the Sierra Club against COG and TPB in the ongoing Intercounty Connector (ICC) lawsuit, including review of the specific complaints against TPB that were dismissed.

- TPB agenda Item 9

The Committee was briefed by staff of the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) on proposed responses to the TPB's May 16 discussion of the recently completed NCPC Freight Railroad Realignment Feasibility Study.

- TPB agenda Item 11

Staff briefed the Committee on the status of and upcoming schedule for development of the TPB Participation Plan as required by SAFETEA-LU regulations.

- TPB agenda Item 12

Staff briefed the Committee on the Draft Report and Feedback Summary for TPB Scenario Study Outreach Activities, including citizen comments and feedback on the scenarios.

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- TPB agenda Item 13

Staff briefed the Committee on the status of the six technical assistance projects undertaken under the Transportation/Land Use Connection (TLC) Pilot Program, as well as the Web-based TLC Clearinghouse to document local and state experiences with land use and transportation coordination.

Six items were presented for information and discussion:

- Staff of the Federal Highway Administration Eastern Federal Lands Division briefed the Committee on the current conditions report and alternatives under consideration for the 14th Street Bridge Corridor Environmental Impact Statement, following up on the briefing given to the TPB at the June 20 meeting.
- The Committee and staff discussed the proposed schedule for development of the 2008 Financially Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and FY 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the Committee agreed to continue this discussion at its September 7 meeting.
- Staff updated the Committee on development of TPB responses to the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) resolutions (presented to the TPB on September 20, 2006) regarding the allocation and sharing of FTA Section 5307 formula funds for the Washington urbanized area. Staff reviewed a revised draft letter to FAMPO outlining potential TPB responses and recommendations, including pertinent information recently provided by WMATA. The Committee agreed to continue discussions at the September 7 meeting.
- The consultant study final report for Enhancing Consideration of Freight in Regional Transportation Planning was provided to the Committee.
- The Committee was notified of the June 29, 2007 federal approval of the Conformity determination for the US 15/340 – Jefferson Technology Park interchange project in Frederick County, Maryland, following the Board's approval of a CLRP/TIP amendment for this project at the June 20 meeting.
- Staff briefed the Committee on the status of Congressional considerations of new Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) requirements and their potential impact on carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) mobile source emissions. Copies of a PowerPoint on overall regional CO<sub>2</sub> emissions estimates presented to the COG Climate Change Committee on June 27 were provided to the Committee.

**TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES  
ATTENDANCE - July 6, 2007**

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

DDOT                      Mark Rawlings

**FEDERAL/OTHER**

**MARYLAND**

Charles County        -----  
Frederick Co.         -----  
Gaithersburg         -----  
Montgomery Co.      David Moss  
Prince George's Co.   -----  
Rockville             -----  
M-NCPPC  
  Montgomery Co.     -----  
  Prince George's Co. Harold Foster

FHWA-DC                -----  
FHWA-VA                -----  
FTA                      -----  
  
NCPC                     Michael Weil  
  
NPS                      -----  
  
MWAQC                 -----

MDOT                    Del Harvey  
                              Ian Beam

**COG Staff**

Ronald Kirby, DTP  
Michael Clifford, DTP  
Nick Ramfos, DTP  
Daivamani Sivasailam, DTP  
Mark Pfoutz, DTP  
Jane Posey, DTP  
Sarah Crawford, DTP  
Bob Griffiths, DTP  
Darren Smith, DTP  
Andrew Meese, DTP  
Michael Farrell, DTP  
Michael Eichler, DTP

**VIRGINIA**

Alexandria             Josh Bennett  
Arlington Co.         Tamara Ashby  
City of Fairfax        -----  
Fairfax Co.            Tom Biesiadny  
                              Robert Owolabi  
  
Falls Church         -----  
Loudoun Co.            Art Smith  
Manassas              -----  
Prince William Co.   Rick Canizales  
NVTC                    -----  
PRTC                    Anthony Foster  
VRE                     -----  
VDOT                    Kanathur Srikanth  
                              Valerie Pardo  
VDRPT                  Sharmila Samarasinghe  
NVPDC                 -----  
VDOA                    -----

**Other Participants**

Betsy Massie, PRTC  
Bill Orleans, Prince Georges' ACT  
Monica Backmon, Prince William County DOT  
Jaak Pedak, Fairfax County DOT  
Mark Cheskey, KCI Technologies, Inc.  
Jack Van Dop, FHWA  
William Dowd, NCPC  
David Zaidain, NCPC

**WMATA**

WMATA                   Tom Harrington