

# National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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## TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

Date: Friday May 1, 2009  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: COG Training Center  
777 N. Capitol Street, N.E.

- 9:00 1. **Welcome and Approval of Minutes from the April 3, 2009 Technical Committee Meeting**  
..... Chairman Erenrich

### ITEMS FOR THE BOARD AGENDA

- 9:05 2. **Update on Proposed Amendments to the FY 2009-2014 TIP to Include Additional American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funded Projects**  
At the April 15 meeting, the TPB amended the FY 2009-2014 TIP to include ARRA funded projects for WMATA and VDOT. It also received notice that ARRA projects for MDOT were included in the TIP as administrative modifications. Staff from the DOTs will update the Committee on the status of future ARRA funded projects and the schedule for their release for public comment, and presentation to the TPB for incorporation into the TIP.  
..... Ron Kirby, DTP
- 9:20 3. **Status Report on the Air Quality Conformity Assessment of the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP**  
The Committee will be briefed on the status of work for the conformity analysis of the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP, including new mobile emission rates based upon the composition of the vehicle fleet in July 2008. This conformity assessment, draft plan, and draft TIP are scheduled to be released for public comment on June 11, 2009. The TPB will be asked to adopt the plan, TIP and conformity assessment on July 15, 2009. *(Attachment)*..... Jane Posey, DTP
- 9:30 4. **Review of Department of Energy (DOE) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Programs Providing ARRA Funding for Vehicle Technology Improvements to Reduce Mobile Emissions**  
The Committee will be briefed on Department of Energy (DOE) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) programs providing ARRA funding for vehicle technology improvements to reduce mobile emissions. *(Attachment)* ..... Joan Rohlf, COG/DEP
- 9:40 5. **Report on the 2009 CLRP Forms and FY 2010-2015 TIP Project Inputs**  
On June 11 the draft 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP together with a conformity assessment will be released for public comment. The TPB will be given a status report on the draft plan, TIP and conformity assessment on May 20. The TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) will host a public meeting on the new TIP on June 11. The Committee will be updated on the status of the TIP and CLRP inputs that were submitted by the April 24 deadline. .... Andrew Austin, DTP

- 9:50 6. **Briefing on Findings from the 2007/2008 Household Travel Survey**  
 At the April 15 meeting, the TPB was briefed on weekday travel data at the jurisdictional level from the 2007/2008 Household Travel Survey. The Committee will be briefed on additional household travel survey results focused on regional activity centers which will be presented at the May 20 TPB meeting. *(Attachment)*.....Robert Griffiths, DTP
- 10:05 7. **Briefing on 2008 Peak Period Freeway Congestion in the Washington Region and Changes Since 2005 and 2002**  
 Beginning in 1993, the TPB has commissioned aerial surveys every three years 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. .... Daivamani Sivasailam, DTP
- 10:30 8. **Update on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination (MATOC) Program**  
 At the February meetings, the Technical Committee and TPB were briefed on MATOC activities during the Presidential Inauguration, the first major event during MATOC's current initial trial phase. The Technical Committee was further briefed on MATOC activities at the April 3 meeting. The TPB is to be briefed at the May 20 meeting on continuing trial phase activities, as well as on ongoing preparations for full MATOC implementation on July 1.  
 ..... Ron Kirby DTP
- 10:40 9. **Update on the Development of a Regional Priority Bus Project for Submission for a Competitive Grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**  
 The TPB Scenario Task Force met on April 15 to review the development of a potential regional Priority Bus Project and to discuss a one-day conference on priority bus transit. The Committee will be updated on activities to date to develop a regional Priority Bus System and on the conference to be held on June 24. *(Attachment)*  
 ..... Michael Eichler, DTP  
 Monica Bansal
- 10:55 10. **Briefing on a Proposed Amendment to the 2009 CLRP to include the Purple Line Light Rail Project in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties**  
 The 2009 CLRP is 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 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. The Committee will be briefed on the Purple Line project and on the schedule for incorporating it into the 2009 CLRP. *(Attachment)*  
 ..... Lyn Erickson, MDOT

11:15 11. **Briefing on a Proposed Amendment to the 2009 CLRP 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**  
 “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 to include the “Return to L’Enfant” transportation components. The Committee will be briefed on the project. *(Attachment)*  
 ..... Mark Rawlings, DDOT

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

11:20 12. **Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Analyses**  
 The Committee will be briefed on current GHG emissions work activities, including the final baseline mobile source CO<sub>2</sub> inventory and draft analysis of emissions reductions strategies in the COG Climate Change Steering Committee Report. The results of this work will be incorporated into the TPB’s “What Would It Take?” Scenario on GHG reductions from mobile sources in the Washington region. *(Attachment)*  
 ..... Daivamani Sivasailam, DTP  
 Erin Morrow

11:30 13. **Briefing on Integrating Freight into the 2010 Update of the CLRP**  
 Staff will brief the Committee on proposed activities to improve the visibility of freight in the 2010 update of the CLRP and to engage freight stakeholders in the region through the TPB Freight Subcommittee. *(Attachment)*  
 ..... Karin Foster, DTP

11:40 14. **Update on EPA’s Draft Motor Vehicle Simulation Model (MOVES)**  
 Staff will brief the Committee on the draft MOVES model released by EPA on April 9, 2009. The MOVES model will eventually be used instead of the MOBILE 6 model to compute mobile source emissions for assessing air quality conformity. *(Attachment)*  
 ..... Eulalie Lucas, DTP  
 Erin Morrow

11:50 15. **Other Business**

11:55 16. **Adjourn**

The next Technical Committee meeting will be Friday, June 5, 2009 in the Training Center.

Enclosures not referenced in the above agenda:

- March Progress Report
- Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee