

REPORT

TPB Citizens Advisory Committee

February 20, 2008

Larry Martin, CAC Chairman

The normal business meeting of the CAC on February 14 included a discussion of the year ahead, an update on the TPB Scenario Study Task Force activities, appointment of CAC Representatives to the Scenario Study Task Force, and a briefing on the new round of projects under the Transportation/Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program.

This was the first meeting of the 2008 CAC. Larry Martin provided a brief summary of issues that the CAC has provided input on over the past several years, including the development of recommendations on the TPB's Scenario Study and project selection and public input on the Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Discussion of the Year Ahead for the TPB

Sarah Crawford of TPB staff provided a brief overview of the Transportation Planning Board and its role in regional transportation planning. She detailed the TPB's federal responsibilities, the TPB as a forum for regional coordination, and the technical resources TPB staff provide. John Swanson of TPB staff reviewed the CAC's role in providing citizen input to the TPB, as well as anticipated TPB activities in the year ahead. He highlighted the implementation of the Participation Plan and participation on the TPB's Scenario Study Task Force as two initiatives that could be influenced by the CAC.

Mr. Martin asked CAC members for their input on important issues they might like to address this year. Some of these issues included:

- Increasing transparency in the CLRP and TIP process, including more public-friendly information provision.
- Looking into transportation issues resulting from the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) actions.
- Focusing on the modernization the bus system with the intent of making it more reliable and user-friendly. (Members suggested inviting John Catoe or Jim Hamre to a CAC meeting to provide information about the Metro bus system.)
- Tracking bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- Focusing on the need for rail and public transit.
- Improving inter-jurisdictional coordination between the departments of transportation in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.
- Paying attention to and supporting highway projects that are needed to improve vehicular traffic flow.
- Reviewing information about the federal authorization of the transportation funding legislation.

Update on the TPB Scenario Study Task Force

Darren Smith of the TPB staff provided an overview of the Regional Mobility and Accessibility Scenario Study, the outreach efforts conducted by TPB staff on the results of the Scenario Study, and the formation of the TPB Scenario Study Task Force to guide future scenario efforts.

CAC members discussed a variety of topics relating to the Scenario Study including how the CAC can influence the development of future outreach activities. CAC members also asked for more information about the TPB decision-making cycle and how it can have the biggest impact on TPB decisions. Mr. Martin suggested that members might want to work through subcommittees to focus on key issues and develop specific recommendations for TPB actions.

Appointment of CAC Representatives to the TPB Scenario Study Task Force

The CAC agreed to form a subcommittee on issues related to the Scenario Study. They selected Larry Martin and Emmet Tydings as representatives to the TPB Scenario Study Task Force, with the understanding that members of the subcommittee would serve as alternates in the event Mr. Martin or Mr. Tydings could not attend the Task Force meeting. Members of the CAC subcommittee include: Mr. Martin, Mr. Tydings, Farrell Keough, Bill Klenke, Jim Larsen, Grace Malakoff, and Robin Marlin.

Other Business

- Ron Kirby, Director of Transportation Planning, provided an overview of items on the February 20 TPB Agenda.
- John Swanson of the TPB staff briefed the committee on the 11 projects that staff has recommended to receive technical assistance in FY2008 under the TPB's Transportation/Land-Use Connections (TLC) program. The TPB will be asked to approve these projects on February 20.

ATTENDANCE CAC Meeting, February 14, 2008

Members in Attendance

1. Larry Martin, DC, Chair
2. Farrell Keough, MD
3. Bill Klenke, MD
4. Jim Larsen, VA
5. Grace Malakoff, DC
6. Daniel Malouff, VA
7. Robin Marlin, DC
8. Allen Muchnick, VA
9. Suresh Narasimhan, VA
10. Daphne Sahlin, VA

11. Lynn Shanton, MD
12. Emmet Tydings, MD

Alternates in Attendance

- Bernard Hill, DC
Laurie Kelly, MD
Jeremy Siegel, DC

Members Not in Attendance

1. Harold Foster, DC

2. Todd Reitzel, MD
3. Shirley Williams, DC

Staff/Others

- Ron Kirby, COG/TPB
Sarah Crawford, COG/TPB
Darren Smith, COG/TPB
John Swanson, COG/TPB
Chinyere Uzoukwu, COG
Bill Orleans