

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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Memorandum

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To: Travel Management Subcommittee

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Subject: Highlights of the May 27, 2008 Travel Management Subcommittee Meeting

The following members participated:

Kanathur Srikanth (Chair)
Jim Ponticello, VDOT (phone)
Mark Rawlings, DDOT (Phone)
Maurice Keys, DDOT (phone)
Tom Biesiadny (Fairfax County) (phone)
Howard Simons (MDOT)
Ronald Vaughn WMATA
Lyn Erickson (MDOT)
Bob Owolabi (Fairfax County)
Mike Clifford, DTP staff
Andrew Meese, DTP staff
Daivamani Sivasailam, DTP staff
Erin Morrow, DTP staff
Anant Choudhary, DTP staff

The meeting was called to order and after introductions, highlights of the April 15, 2008 TMS meeting were approved. Kanathur Srikanth presided over the meeting.

Under agenda item # 2, Mike Clifford discussed the status of the ongoing conformity assessment of the 2008 CLRP and FY 2009-2014 TIP. He noted that there are two versions of the 2008 CLRP and FY 2009-2014 TIP; one with the NVTA funded projects and one without those projects (made up of conformity neutral projects). He informed the members about the status of the air quality conformity assessment and stated that the conformity findings will be released for public comment in June one week prior to the TPB meeting.

Howard Simons asked how these two versions of conformity are going to affect MDOT portion of the TIP. Kanti Srikanth further raised the issue related to 'conformity neutral' CLRP. In reply to the question, Lyn Erickson noted that there will be no impact on

Maryland projects but she added that it could be better if the conformity get approved in July. Kanti Srikanth apprised the members that VDOT is working to finalize 2009 TIP document. He noted that VDOT has already submitted their TIP projects except for the NVTA projects.

Under agenda item # 3 Mike Clifford briefed subcommittee members on the ongoing activities related to greenhouse gas emissions. He informed members that the Climate Change Steering Committee report on Green house gas emissions was released for public comment and the COG Board will act on the report during the June meeting. He cited his May 2, 2008 memorandum to the TPB Technical Committee on the cost effectiveness of the transportation emissions reduction measures. Citing his memo and exhibits he explained the mobile source CO2 emissions component and proposed target reductions from the mobile sector in 2020 & 2030. He noted that the staff has grouped the TERMS listed in the Tracking Sheet into eight categories and has come up with the group cost effectiveness which is shown as a range. He noted that some groups such as traffic flow measures are still to be analyzed. He further noted that the Climate Change Committee report has identified several strategies and measures from the mobile sector.

Kanti Srikanth noted that many of the strategies mentioned in the Climate Change Steering Committee Report are at the jurisdictional level and raised a question as to when, and who will implement these measures. Mr. Srikanth asked whether the CO2 reduction goals and proposed measures are binding or if they are to be adopted by the TPB similar to TERMS under conformity. In reply Mike Clifford noted that the greenhouse gas emission is a global issue and the proposed measures are voluntary measures and non-binding. Howard Simons updated the members on the Maryland Governors' initiatives on climate change and greenhouse gas reduction. Jim Ponticello of VDOT also updated subcommittee members on the Virginia Governors' climate change initiatives and noted that their activities are in a very early stage. Mark Rowlings updated members on 'cool capital challenge' initiatives and reducing carbon footprint in the District of Columbia.

Under agenda item # 4, Andrew Meese briefed the members on the draft Congestion Management Technical report. He noted that the report provides detailed information on the various aspects of congestion management process including extent of congestion, demand and operation management strategies. The slides provided an overview of CMP development activities including development of the draft CMP technical report. He further explained details of chapters 1 – 6 of CMP report. He noted that except for the executive summary other chapters of the report are complete. He further said that this report will be updated in one or two years or if any of the findings in the report changes significantly. On Kanti Srikanth's question as to whether the CMP report has to be submitted to FHWA similar to the conformity report; Andrew Meese responded that it is not a requirement to submit this report to FHWA.