

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date: Friday, November 6, 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 October 2, 2009 Technical Committee Meeting**
..... Chairman Erenrich

ITEMS FOR THE BOARD AGENDA

- 9:05 2. **Update on Call for Projects and Schedule for the Air Quality Conformity Assessment for the 2010 Financially Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and FY 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
Staff will update the Committee on the call for projects document and schedule for the air quality conformity assessment for the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP. The TPB will be asked to approve the final call for projects document at its November 18 meeting. (Attachment)
..... Andrew Austin, DTP

- 9:15 3. **Briefing on COG Draft Greater Washington 2050 Report**
In the attached letter, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has requested TPB to provide comments by November 30 on a report which calls for a more integrated approach to regional planning to successfully accommodate an additional 2 million residents by 2050, compete in the global economy, and combat challenges like climate change, traffic gridlock, and disparities in public safety, health, and education. The report proposes a new, comprehensive vision for the region based on shared regional goals, short-term, mid-term and long-term targets designed to measure progress toward the goals, and a compact agreement for local governments to support and refer to when making decisions. At the November 18 meeting, the TPB will be briefed on the report and asked to approve a letter transmitting TPB comments on the report. (Attachment)
..... Dave Robertson
Executive Director of COG

- 9:45 4. **Briefing on Proposed Response to the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee's (CAC) Recommendation to Develop a Long-Range Regional Transportation Priority Plan**
At the October 21 TPB meeting, the CAC presented the enclosed set of recommendations from the CAC calling for the TPB to use the results of the CLRP Aspirations Scenario and the What Would it Take Scenario in a new guiding process to determine if a transportation project should be included in the CLRP and TIP. The Committee will be asked to provide recommendations to the TPB on a response to the CAC's recommendation to develop a regional transportation priority plan. (Attachment)
..... Ron Kirby, DTP

..... John Swanson, DTP

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5. **Briefing on I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study**

The I-270/US 15 Corridor extends from I-495 in Montgomery County to the City of Frederick. The Committee will be briefed on the study background, its purpose and need, measures of effectiveness, an overview of the alternatives studied, a summary of public and agency comments received to date, and next steps. (Attachment)

..... Russell Anderson, SHA
Rick Kiege, MTA

10:45

6. **Briefing on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination (MATOC) Program**

At their September meetings, the Technical Committee and the TPB were briefed on continuing trial phase activities for MATOC, as well as on ongoing preparations for full implementation. The TPB will be briefed at the November 18 meeting on the status of MATOC activities.

..... Buddy Ey
MATOC Facilitator

11:00

7. **Briefing on an Amendment to the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to Revise the Budget and Certain Work Tasks**

Since the TPB approved the FY 2010 UPWP in March, the funding allocations provided by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) have been increased. The Committee will be briefed on an amendment to revise the budget to reflect the funding increases and modify certain work tasks. The TPB will be briefed on this amendment at its November 18 meeting and asked to approve it on December 16. (Attachment)

..... Gerald Miller, DTP

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

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8. **Briefing on the COG Climate, Energy & Environment Policy Committee and Draft 2009-2012 Regional Climate Action Work Plan**

COG's new Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee held its inaugural meeting on July 22. In September, this committee discussed a draft 2009 – 2012 Regional Climate Action Workplan and established an ad hoc group to finalize it. On October 22, this ad hoc group met via conference call to discuss the draft workplan and review comments on it from TPB and VDOT staff. The Committee will be briefed on the new policy committee and its activities to finalize the workplan. (Attachments)

..... Mike Clifford, DTP

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9. **Briefing on the Norfolk Southern Crescent Corridor Intermodal Freight Project**

The Committee will be briefed on the Crescent Corridor Initiative that aims to make better use of existing transportation rail assets between the Northeast and the South along several Interstate corridors, including I-95 and 81. The Crescent Corridor Initiative includes improvements such as passing track, tunnel improvements, and rail route improvements. The Crescent Corridor will be developed in three phases at a total cost of \$2.5 billion. In a letter dated October 2, 2009, Norfolk Southern requested the support of the

Transportation Planning Board for the Crescent Corridor to be submitted to Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood. (Attachment)

.....Herb Smith
Norfolk Southern Corporation

- 11:40 10. **Briefing on the Establishment of the Virginia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (VAMPO)**
In February 2009, Virginia's General Assembly passed HR 756, requesting that the Secretary of Transportation support and assist the 14 MPOs in the Commonwealth with the establishment of this organization. Staff will review a White Paper that has been developed to outline the Association's structure, mission and preliminary recommendations. The TPB will be asked at its December 16 meeting to pass a resolution expressing support of the creation of VAMPO. (Attachment)
..... Andrew Austin, DTP
- 11:50 11. **Review of Draft Brochure on the 2009 CLRP and FY 2011-2015 TIP**
The Committee will be briefed on a draft brochure that describes the major projects and significant changes in the 2009 CLRP along with a performance analysis of the Plan and a financial analysis of the FY 2010-2015 TIP. This new document combines the two brochures that were previously produced separately for the CLRP and the TIP.
.....Rex Hodgson, DTP
- 11:55 12. **Other Business**
- 12:00 13. **Adjourn**

The next Technical Committee meeting will be Friday, December 4, 2009 in the Training Center.

Enclosures not referenced in the above agenda:

- September Progress Report
- Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee