



# Status Report on Criteria and Process for Transportation Funding in the Stimulus Bills

## Presentation to Transportation Planning Board

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# Review of TPB Request

December 17 Meeting

1. Letter to Congressional Delegation and State Leadership asking for fair & equitable distribution to Metro Areas

- Letter sent December 30
- House and Senate Bills allocate significant funding to metropolitan areas

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### 2. Steering Committee Report Back on “Process for TPB to Exert Maximum Influence”

- Focus on Existing TIP and CLRP Process
- TPB's Reauthorization Principles

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In addition to stressing fair & equitable distribution, TPB may want to propose other criteria:

- Maintenance and rehabilitation of existing systems (Top Priority)
- Safety programs, particularly for ped & bike
- Efficient operation of the existing system
- Effective demand management
- TPB Bicycle Subcommittee Priorities
- TPB Regional Bus Subcommittee Priorities
- High value road and transit capacity projects

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## 3. Scenario Task Force Report Back on Prioritized List of Projects

- Scenario Task Force results in July 2009, aimed at providing inputs for the 2010 CLRP update
- Priorities Assumed in the "Baseline":
  - No Transit Capacity Constraint
  - Georgia Ave Transitway (BRT)
  - Purple Line LRT (Silver Spring to New Carrollton)
  - US 1 Transitway in VA (BRT)
  - VRE Extension to Haymarket

# Major Differences in Transportation Portions of House and Senate Bills <sup>6</sup>

## House Bill

\$30B for Highway & Bridge

\$9B Transit

Use-it or Lose-it: ½ of funds for states and transit agencies must be obligated within 180 days; other ½ obligated by Aug 2010

### Highway Funds

25% suballocated to metropolitan areas through STP; must be obligated within 150 days

Priority to projects in TIP

### Transit Funds

60% distributed to metropolitan areas by formula

## Senate Bill

\$27B for Highway & Bridge

-“vast majority” distributed through current highway formulas

\$8.4B Transit Capital Grants

-Distributed to local areas through current transit formulas

-\$200 million for grants to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Use-it or Lose-it: ½ of funds for states and transit agencies must be obligated within 180 days; other ½ obligated within 1 year

### Key Difference:

\$5.5B Discretionary grants administered by U.S. DOT through competitive process