

**TPB Value Pricing Task Force
September 15, 2004 Meeting Summary**

Attendance

Tom Biesindny, Fairfax County Department of Transportation
Lora Byala, WMATA
Howard Chang, Tri-County Council
Patrick DeCorla-Souza, USDOT, Federal Highway Administration Headquarters
Catherine Hudgins, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
Betsy Massie, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
Thomas McNamara, USDOT, Office of the Secretary
Carol Petzold, Task Force Chair, Maryland House of Delegates
Michelle Pourciau, D.C. Department of Transportation (DDOT)
Ron Spalding, Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Jo Anne Sorenson, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Kanti Srikanth, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Rick Stevens, Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA)
Rick Rybeck, D.C. Department of Transportation (DDOT)
Edward Thomas, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
Christopher Zimmerman, TPB Chair, Arlington County Board
David Umling, Charles County

COG Staff

Ron Kirby, COG/Department of Transportation Planning, Director
Wendy Klancher, COG/Department of Transportation Planning
Gerald Miller, COG/Department of Transportation Planning
Jill Locantore, COG/Department of Transportation Planning

- The Task Force approved the June 16, 2004 meeting summary.
- Ron Kirby briefed the Task Force on the two letters that the TPB has sent to congress regarding the transportation reauthorization bill and discussed the confusing language regarding tolling in the Senate bill.
- Task Force members noted that if the bill is taken up by a lame duck congress in November, the TPB should send another letter. WMATA representatives expressed concern that transit issues should not get lost in the discussion of tolling provisions and that other provisions in the bill, such as the “transportation performance management” pilot program, could be a major source of funding for value pricing projects.

- The Task Force discussed whether to call the document “principles” or “goals”. Concerns were raised that “principles” is too prescriptive, and that using the word “goals” when the language of the “principles / goals” is also being softened doesn’t give any indication of what the Task Force hopes to accomplish. The decision regarding the name was deferred until the Task Force could agree on the actual bullet points.
- The Task Force discussed the first ten bullet points and agreed to accept them with minor changes.
- The issue of how transit will be funded and incorporated into variably priced lanes was discussed and a decision for the “goals/principles” on this subject was deferred until the next meeting. The major jurisdictions were asked to consult their legal counsel regarding if and how toll revenues could be used to fund transit.
- The first bullet point regarding seamless connections was amended to include consideration of options for accommodating different eligibility requirements between jurisdictions.
- The Task Force asked that the introductory paragraph highlight the *multi-modal* aspects of a regional system of variably priced lanes.
- The Task Force was briefly updated on the status of the VDOT HOT lanes proposal.