

**TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES
ATTENDANCE - September 3, 2004**

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VDRPT -----
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FHWA-DC -----
FTA Deborah Burns

NCPC -----
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MWAQC -----

COG Staff and Others

Ronald Kirby, COG/DTP
Gerald Miller, COG/DTP
Mike Clifford, COG/DTP
Jane Posey, COG/DTP
Robert Griffiths, COG/DTP
Mark Pfoutz, COG/DTP
Wendy Klancher, COG/DTP
Andrew Austin, COG/DTP
Jim Hogan, COG/DTP
William Bacon, COG/DTP
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Harry Sanders, Action Committee for Transit
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TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. Welcome and Approval of Minutes from the July 9 Technical Committee Meeting

Minutes were approved as written.

2. Status Report on the Air Quality Conformity Assessment of the 2004 CLRP and FY2005-2010 TIP

Mr. Clifford began by summarizing the three mailout items. The first item was a memorandum from Mr. Clifford to the Committee dated August 27, 2004, and entitled "Status Report on the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2004 Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and FY2005-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and on Transportation Emissions Reduction Measures (TERMs)". The second item was a staff memorandum from Mr. Sivasailam to the Committee dated August 26, 2004, and entitled "Comparison of Mobile 6.2 vs. Mobile 6 Emission Rates. The third item was an August 27, 2004, memo from Mr. Sivasailam to the Committee entitled "Update on Transportation Emissions Reduction Measures (TERM) Analysis".

Mr. Kirby then continued the presentation by discussing the TPB's proposed work program to address the TPB modeling review and the status of the regional travel model, Version 2.1D. He then distributed and discussed a one-page (two-sided) document entitled "Proposed Year 2004 CLRP and FY 2005-2010 TIP Air Quality Conformity Schedule", dated 9/1/04.

The committee then discussed the topic, including the following: Should we transmit to TPB Technical Committee members the differences between the 6.4 and 6.4a versions of the Cooperative Land Use Forecasts in advance of the next TPB meeting? (Yes, MWCOG/TPB staff will distribute a comparison to Tech Committee members for their review); How were the two sets of forecasts from the planning directors and the expert panel used in the final 6.4a forecasts? (The planning directors received summaries of the expert panel's work, and then prepared their own forecasts; whereas the planning directors group assumed adopted zoning would not change in the future, the expert panel used its professional judgment to anticipate and incorporate zoning changes in their forecasts); Will the Technical Committee know at the October 1 meeting if TERMs are needed to meet Air Quality Conformity requirements? (Yes, staff will be prepared with a potential list of TERMs); Have issues like toll factors been established for conformity? (Yes, TPB-approved assumptions will not change).

3. Status Report on the FY 2005-2010 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Pfoutz distributed the revised draft FY 2005-2010 Transportation Improvement Program, telling the Committee that only the Virginia submissions had changed substantially since the last draft in July. He asked for comments by September 17.

4. Update on the New Air Quality Conformity Requirements Under the 8 Hour Ozone Rule and Proposed Rules for Fine Particulate Matter (PM 2.5)

Mr. Kirby presented the mailout item entitled “The New Air Quality Conformity Requirements for the Washington Region under the 8-Hour Ozone Rule and the Proposed Non-attainment Area Designations for Fine Particles (PM 2.5)”.

Ms. Posey distributed and presented a draft document entitled “8-Hour Ozone Standard Conformity Assessment - Scope of Work”, dated 9/03/04. She noted that the information in the introduction had just been explained by Mr. Kirby. She said that the scope was very similar to the scope that was developed for the 1-hour standard conformity assessment. She noted that the land-use was specified as Round 6.4A, and that the Mobile model was MOBILE6.2. She directed the group to Exhibit 2, which lists the schedule for completion of the work tasks. She reviewed the schedule, pointing out TPB’s involvement. Mr. Kirby indicated that TPB staff recommends “Option 2” because it can be met in less time.

The committee then discussed the topic, including the following: Has MWAQC provided comments on the approach? (No, neither TPB nor MWAQC has received this work scope.); Will TPB be asked to approve two conformity assessments within a few months? (Yes); The Committee decided to recommend the use of “Option 2” to the TPB and TPB’s consideration of a letter to MWAQC for their concurrence.

5. Review of Highway and Transit Network Inputs for 2010

Staff distributed the updated air quality conformity input table. Ms. Posey stated that the region is classified as a “moderate” non-attainment area for the 8-hour ozone standard, and therefore has an attainment date of 2010. She reminded the Committee that Mr. Kirby had sent an email to the group a month prior, requesting a review of project completion dates in the conformity input table, as relates to a 2010 forecast year. She mentioned that she had received inputs from many jurisdictions in the region, and that the inputs were reflected in the updated conformity table. Ms. Posey told the group that she only changed completion dates in the table that would not affect another of the forecast years. She gave the example that if a project had originally been listed with a completion date of 2005, and the date had been changed to 2006, that she did not make that change to the table, as that would change the 2005 network. She asked the group to review the table, and email her any corrections by Friday, September 10th.

6. Report on the Results of the TPB Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study

Mr. Griffiths reviewed a power point presentation that summarized the transportation modeling results of the CLRP+ transportation scenario with the Round 6.4 growth forecasts and the five alternative land use scenarios. He noted that this was a revised version of the presentation he had presented to the Joint Technical Working Group and the TPB in July. He stated that the COG Board had asked for a briefing on the Regional

Mobility and Accessibility Study and he planned to give this simplified version of the study results to them at their September meeting.

Several members of the Committee gave Mr. Griffiths useful suggestions on clarifying the information on several slides in the presentation.

Chair Rybeck stated that he liked the simplified version of the presentation because it gave the “big picture” of the issues that were being analyzed in the study without getting bogged down in all the little details.

Mr. Griffiths thanked the members of the Committee for their helpful suggestions.

7. Review of the Documentation of the 2003 Update to the CLRP

Ms. Klancher reviewed the 2003 CLRP document and asked the Committee to provide comments by September 24, 2004. Ms. Klancher described the summary brochure being produced on the 2003 long-range plan and the interactive CD that will be developed as a user-friendly version of the plan document. One Committee member asked about the congestion levels in 2030 without the long-range plan improvements. Comments were made that some of the analysis found in the document would be helpful to have before the plan is adopted, such as VMT per capita forecasts and potential impacts on low-income and minority communities.

8. Briefing on the Draft Commuter Connections State of the Commute Survey Technical Report

Ms. Diggins briefed the Committee on the recently produced draft Technical Report from the 2004 State of the Commute survey conducted by Commuter Connections. Ms. Diggins gave the survey overview including the survey sample which was 7,200 randomly selected workers. 600 surveys were conducted in 12 jurisdictions in the region and the results were weighted to the regional population of workers.

The purpose of the survey is to examine commute patterns, telecommuting, attitudes regarding commute options, recall and influence of commuter marketing advertisements, awareness and use of commute services, and impacts of the Commuter Connections Telework Resource Center, Mass marketing and Integrated Rideshare TERMS.

Ms. Diggins discussed the commute pattern results including current commute modes, use of other alternative commute modes, and commute length. She then reviewed telecommuting results from the survey and discussed overall regional telecommuting statistics, who telecommutes in the region and the potential for additional telecommuting in the region. She also discussed the change in definition of telecommuting in the 2004 survey that occurred and the recalculation of results from 2001 based on the new stricter definition.

Ms. Diggins also reviewed the Awareness and Attitudes of commuters towards commute alternatives. She covered the results from public transit, HOV lanes and Park and Ride

lots, as well as the perceptions of the ease of the commute. Next, she reviewed commute advertising and overall advertising recall, ad messages remembered by commuters, and actions commuters may have taken after seeing or hearing the advertisements. She also covered the awareness and use of regional commuter services and overall awareness of Commuter Connections and the Guaranteed Ride Home program.

Next, Ms. Diggins covered Employer-Provided commuter services. She discussed incentive/support services offered and used at employment sites, who offers the services, parking services offered, and the discussed commute mode by services offered. Next, she covered the InfoExpress kiosks operated by Commuter Connections. She reviewed the results of the use of the kiosks, and commute changes after using the kiosks.

Lastly, Ms. Diggins gave the overall conclusions of the results from the 2004 Commuter Connections State of the Commute regarding commuting patterns, telecommuting, advertisements and regional commute services awareness, and employer services programs.

Mr. Srikanth asked of the 22% of the respondents who used or tried a new alternative mode in the past two years, how many continued? Ms. Diggins responded that none of them continued and the reasons for not continuing were documented, however the reasons given shown in the presentation are only those that had substantive responses. Mr. Ramfos stated that other reasons are listed in the draft Technical Report on Page 31. Ms. Byala commented that the commute length shown may be more accurate for drivers versus transit users.

Mr. Versosa asked what the raw number was of those who took an action to change their commute after they saw an advertisement. Ms. Diggins said it was a very small number of the survey respondents, approximately 5, however this will be factored up to the number of workers in the region. Mr. Versosa asked whether there had been a test of which ads produced the best results. Mr. Ramfos said that the ads were tested prior to being aired with consumers. Mr. Ramfos asked that comments and edits to the draft report be submitted to him by the end of the month.

9. Review of Improved Procedures for Web-based Access to TPB Public Comments

Postponed to the October 1 meeting.

10. Briefing on Travel Characteristics for Minority and Disadvantaged Populations From the 2000 Census

Postponed to the October 1 meeting.

11. Other Business

None.

12. Adjourn