

**TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES
ATTENDANCE - JUNE 27, 2003**

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DDOT Peter Moreland

MARYLAND

Frederick Co. -----
Gaithersburg -----
Montgomery Co. David Moss
Prince George's Co. -----
Rockville Katherine Kelly
M-NCPPC
Montgomery Co. Alexander Hekimian
Prince George's Co. -----

MDOT Fatimah Hasan
BJ Berhanu

VIRGINIA

Alexandria Maria White
Arlington Co. Ritch Viola
Harriett Dietz
City of Fairfax -----
Fairfax Co. Tom Biesiadny
Falls Church -----
Loudoun Co. Arthur Smith
Manassas -----
Prince William Co. Rick Canizales
NVTC -----
PRTC Michael Ibay
VRE Tamara Ashby
NVRC -----
VDOT Grady Ketron
VDRPT Sharmila Samarasinghe
VDOA -----

WMATA

WMATA Lora B. Byala

FEDERAL/OTHER

FHWA-DC Sandra Jackson

FTA -----

NCPC -----

NPS -----

MWAQC -----

COG Staff and Others

Ronald Kirby, COG/DTP
Mike Clifford, COG/DTP
Gerald Miller, COG/DTP
Jim Hogan, COG/DTP
Robert Griffiths, COG/DTP
Mark Pfoutz, COG/DTP
Daivamani Sivasailam, COG/DTP
Jane Posey, COG/DTP
Andrew Austin, COG/DTP
Patrick Zilliacus, COG/DTP
G. Toni Giardini, COG/DTP
Hailemariam Abai, COG/DTP
Aelee Reno, Cambridge Systematics, Inc.
Glen Smith, MD SHA
Howard Chang, Tri-County Council
Kenneth Todd, NCBW

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. Welcome and Approval of Minutes from June 27, 2003 TPB Technical Committee Meeting

Minutes were approved with minor clarification to Item #10.

2. Report on the Financial Analysis for 2003 Update of the Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP)

Arlee Reno, Cambridge Systematics, Inc., commented on the information in the mailout that was presented to the TPB on June 18, including draft summary tables of forecast total revenues and expenditures for the 2003 CLRP over the period 2004 to 2030. He said that these tables indicated that the Northern Virginia local jurisdictions had not provided their expected revenues that will be available for WMATA's requested expenditures. He noted that Mr. Srikanth of VDOT was assembling this information for the July 16 TPB presentation. He thanked the Committee members for their assistance with the analysis and said that a final report on the analysis will be prepared.

Mr. Miller said that TPB staff would organize a meeting of senior staff of the implementing agencies to review the final results prior to the July 16 TPB meeting.

Ms. Jackson asked what the MDOT representative's comment about the state's commitment to paying WMATA operating subsidies at the June 18 TPB meeting meant. Ms. Hasan said she was not clear what the comment meant, but that the state's current funding situation was very difficult. Mr. Reno said that he interpreted the comment to mean that MDOT has always negotiated to pay its share of the operating subsidies in the past but the longer term forecasts do not line up with the state's funding. Ms. Samarasinghe said that Northern Virginia always has provided its share of the operating subsidies. Chair Byala noted that some Northern Virginia elected officials at the June 18 TPB meeting said that they will fund the operating subsidies. She said that she hoped that the complete Northern Virginia information will be available soon.

3. Status Report on the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2003 CLRP and on the Draft FY 2004-2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Clifford began the item by noting that the draft work scope which the Committee had endorsed at its previous meeting had been approved without change by the TPB at its June meeting. He then provided the Committee with an overview of the current status of conformity assessment work activities, highlighting: network development, travel demand modeling, and emissions factor development. He reported that preparation of study results in a draft technical report was scheduled for Technical Committee review and Program Committee release for public comment on September 5, 2003. Since the Technical Committee would not meet prior to that time and there was a briefing on the work scheduled for the July 22, 2003 meeting of the Travel Management Subcommittee, Mr. Clifford said that Committee members could attend that

meeting to learn of initial results (he hoped that preliminary results for year 2005 would be available), or staff could inform the Technical Committee of any issues via email on the 22nd.

Mr. Clifford then turned to Ms. Posey to discuss transit fare information. She distributed a memo listing transit operators with planned fare increases, which would be reflected in the mode choice analysis, and asked for comments. It was reported that Arlington Transit also had an upcoming fare increase and should be added to the list.

Mr. Austin distributed copies of the draft FY 2004-2009 TIP. He said that this draft would be presented to the TPB as an information item at their July 16 meeting. He requested that any comments and changes to the draft be submitted to him by Monday, July 7.

Mr. Pfoutz distributed draft maps of the major highway, HOV, transit, and studies for the 2003 Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) asking Committee members to review the projects for accuracy. Clarification was requested by several Committee members on the Anacostia light rail study (this is a build project), the Alexandria to Pentagon rail study and the limits for HOV on I-270.

4. Update on Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) included in the Draft SIP and on TERMS for the 2003 CLRP and FY 2004-2009 TIP

Mr. Sivasailam handed out a memorandum and discussed the decisions taken at the Travel Management Subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee directed staff to update the TCM documentation for consistency. The subcommittee discussed the list of potential TERMS that the TPB could adopt if there is a need for air quality conformity for the 2003 CLRP and the FY 2004-09 TIP. The chair asked Committee members to review the Potential List since the subcommittee would finalize the list at its July 22, 2003 meeting. In response to a question from Mr. Smith as to how many "Code Red Days" are allowed before the region fails to attain, the Chair Byala replied 4 or more at one monitor over a three year period would be a violation. She also reminded implementing agencies to send commitment letters for inclusion in the SIP.

5. Briefing on the Joint FHWA/FTA Certification Review of the Transportation Planning Process for the National Capital Region

Ms. Jackson thanked the Committee members for their participation in the certification review site-visit conducted in September 2002. She described the federal review team and outlined the review process. She said that no corrective actions were identified and that the planning process meets the requirements of TEA-21 and applicable Federal regulations. She then commented on most of the 15 items in the "Federal Findings and Recommendations" section in the review report that was in the mail-out. She noted that the FHWA TRANSIMS travel demand model is going to be used in a study in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Smith asked about the TRANSIM model. Ms. Jackson explained that a consultant study will be funded to examine traffic impacts around the White House and Pennsylvania Ave. area at the intersection level, and that COG would be involved.

Mr. Biesiadny asked about Ms. Jackson's comment regarding the need to document the project selection criteria for the TIP.

Ms. Jackson said that in this region each implementing agency has its own way to select projects for the TIP. She said that the criteria used for project selection needs to be documented in the TIP. Mr. Miller pointed out that the recommendation in the report calls for the documentation

of the project selection process not selection criteria, and that the project selection process is well documented in the TPB's Citizen Guide to Transportation Planning. Ms. Jackson said that the criteria should be documented when it is identified. Mr. Biesiadny commented that it will be challenging to describe such criteria. Mr. Miller said that the actual project selection and funding processes in each state were different and reflected various policies and not very specific criteria. He asked for the state and local agency representatives to provide descriptions of their project selection criteria and said that they could be included in the TIP documentation

6. Briefing on the Establishment of the TPB Value Pricing Task Force

Mr. Miller referred to the June 18 TPB meeting briefing material on the Value Pricing Conference which was in the mailout. He reported that at its June meeting, the TPB decided to establish a task force on value pricing to examine how value pricing could benefit the Washington region. He asked the Committee for its suggestions on the task force mission and activities.

In response to Mr. Hekimian, Mr. Miller explained that value pricing was the broad term covering user fees to produce needed revenues and included tolls, transit fares and parking charges and not just high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes.

Ms. Hasan suggested that the task force examine the extent of a potential HOT lane network for the region. She said that it could consider how to determine the public's perceptions and support for the concept and if they differ in Virginia and Maryland. It could also look at how to use new toll revenues.

Chair Byala suggested that the task force could provide the regional perspective and coordinate the exchange of information from studies in the Virginia, Maryland, and the District. She also suggested that the task force help ensure that future HOT lanes in the region have consistent pricing and operating policies and technologies.

Mr. Miller thanked the Committee for its suggestions and said the proposed goals and members for the new task force will be presented to the TPB on July 18 for its review and approval.

7. Report on the Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Education Campaign

Mr. Miller reported to the Committee on the results of the Street Smart Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Campaign conducted in 2002. He said that to continue the campaign in 2004, \$300,000 in federal funds would be requested. However, the local match of \$75,000 would be needed and no formal commitments had been obtained yet.

8. Briefing on Round 6.3 Cooperative Forecasts

Mr. DesJardin of the COG HSPPS staff presented handouts summarizing the new Round 6.3 Cooperative Forecasts. He stated that the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) had approved the forecasts during their March 12 meeting for use by the TPB staff in the air quality conformity analysis of the TIP and CLRP. Mr. DesJardin described several charts and graphics that analyzed the new forecasts by jurisdiction and Regional Activity Center and stated

that final approval of the forecasts by the COG Board would occur this fall concurrently with the TPB's approval of the results of the air quality conformity analysis. Mr. Smith asked a question concerning the graphic on page 12, noting that the Moorefield Station area of Loudon County was an area of significant new job growth. Chair Byala stated that the information contained in the tables and graphics might be of interest to the TPB.

9. Update on Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study

Mr. Griffiths reported that the region's Planning Directors and the full Joint Technical Work Group (JTWG) had reached consensus on four of the five alternative land use scenarios. These scenarios were: (1) Higher Household Growth in Region, (2) More Household Growth in Inner Areas and Clusters, (3) More Job Growth in Outer Areas, (4) The Region Undivided. He added that the fifth alternative land use scenario, the "Transit-Oriented Development" scenario was still being refined by the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee and the entire JTWG. He noted that staff wanted to make sure that there was consensus on the transit facility assumptions for this scenario between jurisdictions and between the land use and transportation planning staff within each jurisdiction. He stated that the additional work on the Transit-Oriented Development scenario should be completed within the next month. Mr. Griffiths further reported that staff was performing some initial travel demand modeling of the alternative land use scenarios and that the TPB Technical Committee Transportation Scenarios subgroup would be meeting on July 8th to review these initial modeling results and begin the process of specifying transportation scenarios for each of the alternative land use scenarios.

Chair Byala asked about the status of the Regional Congestion Management element of the Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study that would be tested with the CLRP and all alternative scenarios.

Mr. Griffiths responded that agreement on the travel demand management features to be included in the Regional Congestion Management element had been obtained in March and that

further specification and coding of these features, including enhanced WMATA regional bus study service, would begin after July 1st.

Chair Byala added that WMATA was working with the local jurisdictions to specify the enhanced regional bus service for the Regional Congestion Management element and that the initial specifications for this enhanced service should be ready next month.

Mr. Miller noted that Mr. Griffiths would be making a presentation on the Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study to the TPB at their July Meeting.

Chair Byala encouraged members of the Technical Committee to attend the July 8th meeting of the Transportation Scenarios subgroup.

10. Other Business

None.

11. Adjourn