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AGENDA

RICHMOND AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Executive Director
Robert A. Crum, Jr.

February 18, 2010
9:00 a.m.

Richmond Regional Planning District Commission
Board Room
9211 Forest Hill Avenue, Suite 200
Richmond, VA 23235

Special Presentation by Vickey Badger

CALL TO ORDER 9:00 a.m.

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| 1. Approval of February 18, 2010 Meeting Agenda – (Stidham/2 minutes)..... | – |
| Action by TAC to approve the TAC meeting agenda. TAC ACTION REQUESTED | |
| 2. Public Comment Period – (Stidham/5 minutes)..... | – |
| Individuals requesting to speak are requested to state their name and the organization (if any) they represent before making comments. Individuals are allowed up to three minutes to address TAC. | |
| 3. TAC Chairman’s Report – (Stidham/5 minutes)..... | – |
| 4. RRPDC Transportation Director’s Report – (Lysy/3minutes)..... | – |

5. RideFinders Annual Report –
(Tisdale/20 minutes) Enclosure

Presentation by Von Tisdale, RideFinders Executive Director. Copy of RideFinders Annual Report enclosed. TAC review and consideration of RideFinders allocation of CMAQ funds to be reviewed annually (as per the MPO's RSTP and CMAQ Funds Allocation Project Review and Selection Process guidelines). Staff requests that RideFinders presentation to TAC include the following:

- Description of RideFinders programs and activities
- Upcoming/planned activities and programs
- Staffing and budget (including identification of all funding sources and amount of funds by source).

TAC review and discussion requested.

6. FY 11 – FY 14 RSTP and CMAQ Project Review, Selection and Funds Allocation –
(Nelson/10 minutes)..... 1 – 4

Report by RRPDC staff on upcoming project review and selection process for allocation of RSTP and CMAQ funds.

a. FY 11 – FY 16 RSTP and CMAQ Funding Estimates –
See attached VDOT report and RRPDC staff's comparison of VDOT's preliminary RSTP and CMAQ allocations to last year's allocation report.

b. Proposed Schedule for RSTP and CMAQ Project Review, Selection and Allocation –
To be reported by RRPDC staff at TAC meeting. Staff recommends that the MPO take action at its May 13 meeting on TAC recommended RSTP and CMAQ allocations (for final SYIP). Staff recommends that VDOT use current RSTP and CMAQ allocations and projects for the tentative SYIP.

7. TIP Grouped Projects and Monthly Reports –
(Riblett/5 minutes) –

Progress report by VDOT in implementing the Richmond District pilot system for TIP grouped projects reporting. RRPDC staff to work with VDOT in reviewing pilot system. Local government TAC members interested in participating in this review should contact Barbara Nelson. Staff/VDOT report on system implementation to be presented at a future TAC meeting (following completion of staff's review).

8. Process for Close-Out of RSTP and CMAQ Projects –
(Riblett/5 minutes) –

Status report by VDOT on implementation of VDOT Richmond District reporting system pilot program.

9. **FY 2011 Unified Work Program (UWP) –**
(Lysy/Riblett/Swartz/10 minutes)..... 5 – 6

a. Status Report by VDOT on MPO’s FY 2011 Allocation of FHWA/PL Funds –

b. FTA Section 5303 Funds Application Period –

See attached memo from DRPT (applications for Section 5303 funds due by April 15, 2010). Staff requests DRPT report on the MPO’s FY 2011 Section 5303 funds allocation (see attached February 3, 2010 e-mail from RRPDC staff to DRPT staff).

c. FY 2011 UWP Summary and Staff Budget Review –

RRPDC staff to submit the following for review and discussion at the March 18 TAC meeting:

- FY 11 Summary of Staff UWP Work Tasks
- FY 11 UWP RRPDC Staff Assignments
- FY 11 Funding Sources Summary (FHWA/PL and FTA Section 5303 funds)
- RRPDC Staff Budget and Time Allocations by Staff Work Tasks

Draft FY 2011 UWP to be presented for review and action at the April 8 MPO meeting.

d. FY 2011 UWP Information Items –

TAC members requested to provide updated task descriptions for any planning studies utilizing RSTP funds. Also, FTA requires that FTA-funded planning activities be included in the UWP. Staff requests these submissions be provided to staff no later than March 15.

10. **Richmond Region ITS Program Development –**
(Selleck/20 minutes)

Presentation by Randy Selleck, RRPDC Senior Planner, on ITS program development for the Richmond Region. TAC comments and input requested for developing ITS related work activities (for the FY 2011 UWP) and in developing staff’s proposal for establishment of a TAC/VDOT resource work group to assist in developing Richmond Region ITS program plans and programs.

11. **Route 5 Urban/Suburban Multimodal Corridor Study –**
(Yolton/5 minutes)

Status report by Lee Yolton, RRPDC Principal Planner and project manager. Consultant interviews on study proposals were conducted on February 12.

12. Draft Regional Transportation and Land-Use Performance Measures –
(Lysy/5 minutes) 7 – 10

See attached letter from former Virginia Secretary of Transportation Pierce Homer to MPO Chairman Patricia O'Bannon concerning development of regional transportation performance measures and e-mail request from George Homewood to TAC (dated January 19). VDOT requested to advise TAC on status of the former Transportation Secretary's letter with the new administration and any other developments it can report to TAC at this time.

13. VDOT Crash Data –
(Riblett/5 minutes) –

RRPDC staff requests that VDOT provide Year 2008 accident data for the region's roads. Note that Mike Sawyer, VDOT State Highway Safety Engineer reported at the April 16, 2008 TAC meeting that 2008 will be the first year that crash data for all Virginia roads, not just VDOT maintained roads, will be reported by VDOT. Mr. Sawyer also reported that VDOT will be responsible for maintaining this comprehensive database and it is staff's understanding from previous correspondence with VDOT that VDOT would make this information available to RRPDC staff as soon as it becomes available (in the past, these reports were generated in June/July for the previous year). If this data is not currently available, staff requests that VDOT report on its status and when it is anticipated to become available.

14. New Design Standards for Non-Urbanized/Rural Roads –
(Riblett/5minutes) –

Status report by VDOT on development of new design standards for rural roads (policy expected to address the need for allowing safety and other improvements to proceed on certain substandard roads when certain conditions are not being met). This item was first brought to TAC's attention at the September 18, 2008 TAC meeting and it has been a proposed future meeting topic for the past several TAC agendas.

15. Future TAC Meeting Topics –
(Lysy/10 minutes) –

a. Parallel Trail Facilities within Rail Corridors –

Requested at February 11 MPO Executive Committee meeting that TAC provide a recommendation to the Executive Committee on the feasibility of including bicycle and pedestrian facilities within an existing rail corridor. Staff plans to work with VDOT and VDRPT staffs, Richmond Area Bicycling Association, and others to develop this report for consideration at a future TAC meeting.

b. New Kent County MPO Study Area Expansion –

Report by RRPDC staff on County's request to expand the MPO study area and staff's proposal to consider expanding the MPO study area to include all of PD 15 (except for the portion of Chesterfield County in the Tri-Cities MPO study area) was discussed at the January 14 RRPDC Small Jurisdictions Committee meeting and it was requested that more information be provided. Staff was directed to identify the advantages and disadvantages of each approach. This report will be scheduled for a joint meeting of the Large and Small Jurisdictions committees in March. Staff will advise TAC of the results of these committee meetings and recommend TAC review and action when appropriate.

c. Socioeconomic Data and Forecasts –

TAC tentatively scheduled to review and take action on Socioeconomic Data Work Group recommended year 2008 base year data at the March 18 TAC meeting (followed by action at the April 8 MPO meeting). Year 2035 forecasts tentatively scheduled for Socioeconomic Data Work Group recommendation in May/June and for review and recommendation at the June 17 TAC meeting (followed by action at the July 8 MPO meeting).

d. FY 2011 UWP –

See TAC agenda item 9 (TAC recommendation action at March 18 meeting).

16. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings and Events –

(Stidham/5 minutes).....

17. Adjournment –

Targeted for 11:00 a.m. The next regularly scheduled TAC meeting is March 18, 2010. Special presentation by Von Tisdale.

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Attachments/Enclosure

pc: Patricia O'Bannon, MPO Chairman
Jeremy Raw, VDOT
James Ponticello, VDOT
Mike Sawyer, VDOT
Rob Alexander, VDOT
Chris Francis, VDOT
Joe Vinsh, Crater PDC
Tammye Davis, FHWA
Dan Jenkins, FHWA
Bob Crum, RRPDC

Jo Evans, RRPDC
Peter Sweetland, RRPDC
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