



UPCOMING MEETINGS
AND ITEMS OF
INTEREST:

- **Citizens Advisory Committee, December 13: 2007 CLRP and 2008-2013 TIP released for public comment**
- **TPB Meeting, December 19: Approval of the TPB Participation Plan and review of the 2007 CLRP and 2008-2013 TIP**
- **TPB Meeting, January 16: Approval of the 2007 CLRP and 2008-2013 TIP**

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APPROVAL OF LONG-RANGE PLAN SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY

The Transportation Planning Board (TPB) on January 16 is scheduled to approve a new long-range plan that includes a major new HOT lanes (high occupancy/toll lanes) project on 36 miles of I-395 in Northern Virginia.

The project will be the second HOT lanes facility approved for the region. In 2005, the TPB's long-range plan was amended to include HOT lanes on 15 miles of the Capital Beltway in Northern Virginia.

HOT lanes combine features of toll roads and carpool lanes. Carpoolers use the HOT lanes for free, while solo drivers pay tolls that automatically change according to varying congestion levels.

Four major new projects, including the HOT lanes facility, are scheduled to be included in the TPB's 2007 long-range plan—called the Constrained Long-Range Plan or CLRP—and the FY 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The HOT lanes project is not the only major Virginia project getting attention this year. The Virginia Department of Transportation is also proposing “spot improvements” on I-66 inside the Beltway, which has already generated lively discussion at previous TPB meetings.

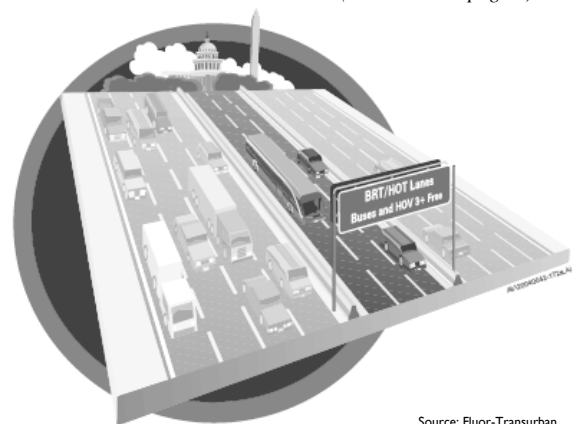
The CLRP and TIP will be released for public comment at the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee on December 13. The

TPB will be briefed on the draft documents at its meeting on December 19.

The TPB approves a new CLRP update and TIP every year. The CLRP includes all the major transportation projects that the region anticipates can be funded and built between now and 2030. The TIP is a six-year, more detailed subset of the CLRP. All regionally significant projects must be included in the CLRP and TIP in order to receive federal funding.

In addition to being financially constrained, the CLRP and TIP must conform to air quality limits. TPB staff is currently analyzing the transportation networks in the draft CLRP and TIP to ensure they are in conformity with regional air quality

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Source: Fluor-Transurban

The I-95/I-395 High Occupancy/Toll (HOT) Lanes Project, submitted for inclusion in the 2007 CLRP, has attracted considerable attention during the Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) update. The project will convert High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to HOT lanes.



LONG-RANGE PLAN AND TIP

For more information about the 2007 CLRPP and 2008-2013 TIP, please visit the CLRPP website at www.mwcog.org/clrp

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goals. As part of the final approval of the CLRPP and TIP, the TPB must approve an air quality conformity determination showing that forecasted emissions will not exceed ceilings, called "mobile emissions budgets," established in the region's air quality improvement plan. On December 19 the TPB will receive a briefing on the draft air quality conformity determination.

The following new projects and studies are proposed for inclusion in this year's CLRPP and TIP. They are represented on the map on page 3.

Projects Proposed for Construction

1. US 340, Jefferson National Pike

Interchange at Jefferson Technology Park, Frederick, MD

Construct a new, grade-separated interchange on US 340 to support existing and planned development. Funded by the developer.

Length: half-mile radius

Cost: \$11 million

Completion: 2009

2. I-66 Spot Improvements

Westbound, inside the Beltway

Reconstruct westbound I-66, extending and connecting a series of acceleration and deceleration lanes: spot 1 at Fairfax Drive to Sycamore Street; spot 2 at Washington Boulevard to the Dulles Airport Access Road; and spot 3 at Lee Highway/Spout Run to Glebe Road.

Length: 4 miles (total)

Cost: \$75.6 million

Completion: 2013

www.idea66.com

3. I-95/I-395 High Occupancy/Toll (HOT) Lanes Project

From Eads Street in Arlington to Garrisonville Road in Stafford County

Reconfigure the existing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) facility from 2 to 3 lanes. Convert the HOV facility to HOV/Bus/HOT lanes. Transit Service Plans calls for major enhancements.

Length: 36 miles

Cost: \$882 million

Cost breakdown: \$492 million: Preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction; \$390 million: Total Transit Service Plan operation and capital.

Completion: 2010

www.virginiadot.org/projects/HOT_main.asp

4. Potomac Yard Transitway

Four Mile Run to Braddock Road Metro Station

Construct the Alexandria segment of a transitway from the Braddock Road Metro Station to the Potomac Yard Town Center and on to Four Mile Run that will ultimately run to the Pentagon.

Length: 2.5 miles

Cost: \$18.1 million

Completion: 2011

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CLRPP AND TIP RELEASED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON DECEMBER 13

The 2007 Update to the Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRPP) and the FY 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be released for public comment at the December 13 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting. The Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is scheduled to vote in January on the updated CLRPP and TIP. The public comment period ends January 12, 2008.

Comments may be submitted for TPB consideration at <http://www.mwcog.org/transportation/public/> ▲

Visit www.mwcog.org/clrp for more information

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Proposed New Studies

A. US 301 Waldorf Bypass

Washington Avenue/Turkey Hill Road to north of the MD 5 Interchange at T.B.

Study alternatives for upgrading and widening US 301 through Waldorf and/or constructing an access-controlled bypass

Proposed Cost: \$1.48 billion (Charles County/TPB Area); \$2.78 billion (total)

Proposed Completion: 2030

www.us301waldorf.org

B. Manassas National Battlefield Bypass

US 29 to planned Tri-County Parkway/Route 234

Close Routes 29 and 234 through the Manassas Battlefield Park to through traffic and construct a bypass north of the park.

Length: 8.9 miles

Proposed Cost: \$133 million

Proposed Completion: 2020

www.battlefieldbypass.com

C. VRE Expansion

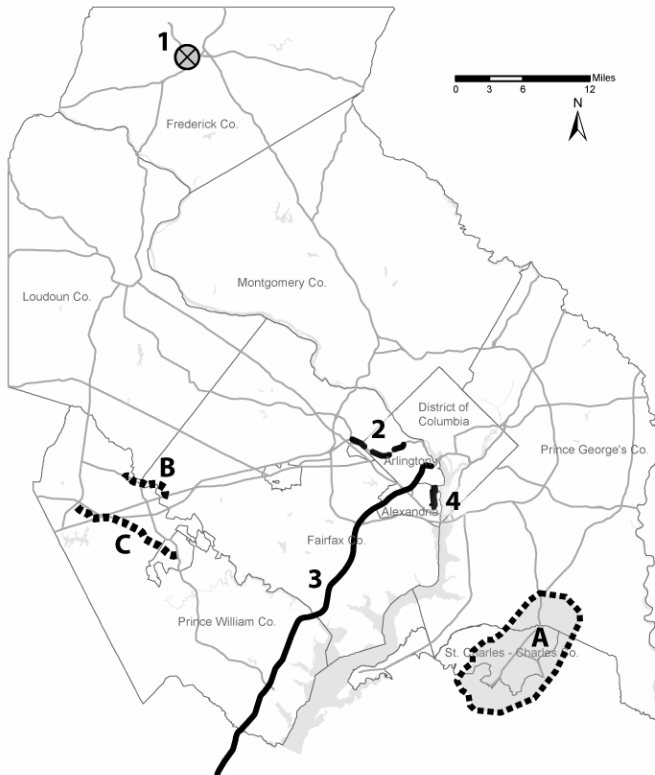
City of Manassas to Gainesville and Haymarket

Preliminary engineering and environmental work to extend the VRA Commuter Rail Service from the City of Manassas to Gainesville and Haymarket.

Length: 11 miles

Proposed Cost: \$280 million

Proposed Completion: 2018 ▲



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UPCOMING DECEMBER AGENDA ITEMS

The TPB's December 19 agenda will include the following:

- Report of the Nominating Committee for TPB Officers and *approval of the slate of TPB Officers* for the year 2008.
- Approval of the *TPB Participation Plan*. To review the Draft TPB Participation Plan, go to www.mwcog.org/transportation/tpb and see Item 9 for the December 19 meeting.
- Briefing on the *Draft Air Quality Conformity Assessment* for the 2007 CLRP and FY 2008-2013 TIP. To read briefing materials, go to

www.mwcog.org/transportation/tpb and see Item 12 for the December 19 meeting.

- Briefing on the *Draft 2007 CLRP and FY 2008-2013 TIP*. For more information about the CLRP and TIP, visit the CLRP website at www.mwcog.org/clrp.
- Approval for execution of an *Agreement Between the TPB, the State DOTs, and the Public Transportation Operators* on planning responsibilities. For more information, go to www.mwcog.org/transportation/tpb and see Item 14 for the October 17 meeting. ▲



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All meetings are at COG unless otherwise indicated. If you are in need of special assistance to participate in meetings, please call (202) 962-3315 or (202) 962-3213 (TDD). Bicycle racks are located in the parking garage at 777 N. Capitol St., N.E. (Enter from 1st St., N.E.).

December 2007

- 5 Task Force on Value Pricing for Transportation (10 am)
- 7 TPB Technical Committee (9 am)
- 7 TPB Steering Committee (noon)
- 13 TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (6 pm)
- 18 Commuter Connections Ridematching Committee (10 am)
- 18 Regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Marketing Group (noon)
- 19 TPB Scenario Study Task Force (10 am)
- 19 Transportation Planning Board (noon)**

January 2008

- 4 TPB Technical Committee (9 am)
- 4 TPB Steering Committee (noon)
- 8 Management, Operations and Intelligent Transportation Systems (MOITS) Policy Task Force and Technical Subcommittee Joint Meeting (12:30 pm)
- 9 Bike to Work Day Steering Committee (10 am)
- 10 Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force (1 pm)
- 10 TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (6 pm)
- 15 Employer Outreach Committee (10 am)
- 15 Commuter Connections Subcommittee (noon)
- 15 Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee (1 pm)
- 15 TDM Evaluation Group (2 pm)
- 16 Transportation Planning Board (noon)**
- 17 Access for All Advisory Committee (2 pm)
- 18 Travel Forecasting Subcommittee (9:30 am)
- 22 Regional Bus Subcommittee (noon)
- 29 Travel Management Subcommittee (9:30 am)
- 30 Trails Seminar (9 am)
- 30 Task Force on Value Pricing for Transportation (10 am)
- 31 Aviation Technical Subcommittee (10:30 am)
- 31 Regional Taxicab Regulators Task Force (noon)

February 2008

- 1 TPB Technical Committee (9 am)
- 1 TPB Steering Committee (noon)
- 7 Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force (1:30 pm)
- 7 TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (6 pm)
- 12 Management, Operations and Intelligent Transportation Systems (MOITS) Policy Task Force and Technical Subcommittee Joint Meeting (12:30 pm)
- 20 TPB Scenario Study Task Force (10 am)
- 20 Transportation Planning Board (noon)**
- 21 Access for All Advisory Committee (2 pm)
- 26 Travel Management Subcommittee (9:30 am)
- 26 Regional Bus Subcommittee (noon)



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