

**Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Martin E. Nohe, Chairman
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

Members
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

FROM: Tom Biesiadny, Chairman
Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

SUBJECT: Update on Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development (Agenda Item 6.D.)

DATE: May 8, 2009

The process of developing the FY 2010-2015 TIP and 2009 CLRP is underway. Project submissions for these documents were due on December 5, 2008. The Transportation Planning Board (TPB) approved inputs for the air quality conformity analysis for the FY 2010-2015 TIP and 2009 CLRP on February 18, 2009, after modifying the inputs for the I-66 Spot Improvements Project (Inside the Beltway). The TPB subsequently revisited the I-66 Spot Improvement Project at its March 18, 2009, meeting and included the project with the air quality conformity inputs. Subsequently, TPB staff has been conducting the air quality conformity analysis.

As part of this analysis, the TPB staff updated vehicle registration data. The July 1, 2008, data show that there has been a significant increase in the number of hybrid vehicles in the region; however, hybrid vehicles still represent only about one percent of the region's fleet. In addition, the data show that the vehicle fleet is older than it was in 2005 (the last time the data were updated). This will result in higher emissions. The analysis will incorporate the most recent cooperative forecast information (population, employment and households). The regional travel demand forecast is expected to indicate somewhat lower vehicle miles traveled (and related emissions), partly due to changes in the amount of housing.

The emissions analysis is scheduled to be released for public comment in June 2009. TPB is scheduled to adopt the air quality conformity analysis and the FY 2010-2015 TIP and 2009 CLRP in July 2009.

In addition to the annual effort described above, the TPB is likely to undertake an out-of-cycle conformity analysis. This analysis will focus on the impact of the Purple Line (new light rail line from Bethesda to New Carrollton approximately following the Beltway) and changes to I-395 exit and entrance ramps in the District of Columbia that are needed to accommodate a significant air rights development proposed to be constructed above I-395.

Martin E. Nohe, Chairman
Members, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
May 8, 2009
Page Two

JACC members and I will be available at the May 14, 2009, NVTA meeting to provide updated information and answer questions.

Cc: Members, NVTA Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee