



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

COASTAL REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION JUNE 2009 MPO MEETINGS

CORE BOARD AGENDA ITEM IV-A

- Agenda Item:** Update on development of CORE Connections 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan
- Presenter:** Steve Coté, Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc.
- Summary:** Development of CORE MPO's next Long Range Transportation Plan, CORE Connections 2035, is underway. Phase One, the Framework Plan, will identify goals, objectives, and deficiencies and will result in a financially-balanced list of projects to address expected future needs. The Phase One plan will be adopted in September 2009 and will meet all federal requirements for the MPO's long range transportation plan.

Phase Two, the Urban Mobility Plan, will include more detailed strategies for implementation, by looking at sub-area and corridor planning, as well as Complete Streets policies. This phase will continue into 2010 and 2011.

Public Participation

MPO staff and their consultants from Reynolds, Smith, and Hills (RS&H) conducted workshops for planning stakeholders and for the general public on June 1 and June 2 to gain insight on community vision and goals. MPO staff continues to accept comments, by phone, in writing, or through online submittal on the transportation pages of the MPC website (www.thempc.org/transportation.htm). Additional workshops are planned for July 21 and 22, and public meetings and hearings on the plan will take place in August and September.

Technical Elements

Staff has been working with partner agencies on data collection efforts and on the development of networks in the travel demand model. A subcommittee of the Technical Coordinating Committee is meeting regularly during the

summer to review and discuss details related to the model, project costs, and overall financial balance in the plan.

CORE MPO Committees' Involvement

Members of all MPO committees were invited to the first stakeholder workshop that took place on June 1 and are welcome to attend any and all workshops and meetings on the plan. All committees will receive reports on the progress of plan development throughout the process. The regular meetings of the committees are also opportunities for comment from committee members and from the public. MPO staff anticipates special CORE Board meetings in early August and in mid-September.

The Framework Plan must be adopted by September 22, 2009.

Recommendation: For information.