

**County of Loudoun**  
**Planning Commission**  
**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: January 24, 2008

TO: Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Previous Loudoun County Planning Commission

SUBJECT: CPAM 2005-0009 Revised Countywide Transportation Plan Update

**Purpose**

This memo describes the Revised Countywide Transportation Plan (Draft CTP) review process to date and forwards the recommendations from the Planning Commission to the Board of Supervisors.

**Background**

On October 4, 2005, the Board of Supervisors initiated an amendment to the Revised General Plan to initiate review and update of the Countywide Transportation Plan, and incorporate a discussion with focus on corridor review and initiatives. In June, 2006 the Michael Baker, Jr., Inc. Corporation was hired to perform several tasks including:

- A. Update the County's transportation model utilizing COG 7.0 data and to provide 2030 traffic generation estimates (traffic demand) on the County's major road corridors;
- B. Utilize the 2030 traffic demand estimates and apply them to the County's major corridors with the assumption that all current CTP roads would be in place. Determine from that analysis if and where there would be excess traffic demand.
- C. Make recommendations on the major road corridors for possible buildable improvements, public transit or traffic demand strategies that could address

the excess traffic demand. Determine if there would still be excess traffic demand.

D. Prepare amendments to the 2001 CTP text and maps based on the recommendations.

Transportation related comments were received through the Countywide Transportation Plan Update website, meetings with the general public and stakeholders and presentations to the Loudoun County Planning Commission and Transportation Land Use Committee leading up to the release of the Draft CTP text and map.

### **Planning Commission Review**

The Draft CTP, including text and map, was released in May 2007 and provided to the Planning Commission for review. A public hearing was held by the Planning Commission on June 18, 2007. As a result of overwhelming citizen sentiments raised at the public hearing, the Planning Commission recommended that two corridors proposed for consideration, the Hillsboro and Lucketts Bypass, be removed from consideration in the Draft Countywide Transportation Plan. In addition, the Planning Commission noted that the public outreach to date had been insufficient and recommended that additional public input meetings be held. The Planning Commission established subcommittees for eastern, central and western Loudoun for these meetings and seven community meetings were held on August 27-30, September 6, September 12 and 19 to obtain citizen input regarding the Draft CTP. The Planning Commission subcommittees developed recommendations based on the input from these meetings. These recommendations were reported out in October, 2007 and finalized in December, 2007. The Planning Commission also reviewed and took positions on a variety of issues raised by citizens, landowners, civic organizations, and government agencies. These are summarized in a matrix. The Planning Commission also provided input on primarily Chapters 1, 2 and 3 of the Draft CTP text with carry over changes to Chapters 8, 9 and Appendix 1. Due to the compressed review schedule at the end of our term, we were not able to complete our review of Chapters 4-9 and the various Appendices.

The Planning Commission requests that our recommendations be reflected on the Draft text and map. The map changes are noted on the attached map entitled "Revised 2030 Countywide Transportation Plan Loudoun County Planning Commission Recommendations December 2007. The Planning Commission feels

strongly that an existing conditions map should be developed as a baseline for CTP review and we recommend the consultant be asked to prepare such a map.

We hope these documents will assist you and the next Planning Commission as the review of the Revised CTP continues. Please let any of us know if we can provide any further input or explanation to our recommendations.

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