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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee  
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Subject: Item 5.c – e-MPO Status Update

**Action Recommended: None. Information only.**

**Background:**

At its March 9, 2006 meeting, MPC received information on the proposed development of the “e-MPO” concept. The concept involves several inter-related electronic layers designed to provide a user-friendly public interface, local planning staff front- and back-ends, and MPO staff management systems to manage, make accessible, and interact with the MPO’s project and other information more seamlessly.

Several Phase One tasks were outlined in the March presentation, including:

- Converting the Regional Transportation Plan to an interactive electronic format
- Developing the MPO’s website to provide one portal for multiple transportation plans and programs
- Creating an interactive map-based application to allow citizens to access information on programmed transportation projects
- Developing a back-end project database to serve all of the MPO’s products and functions

In future phases, full interactive mapping, regional database coordination for MTIP tracking, and services related to communications plan implementation for specific projects could be developed.

Staff has developed the initial prototype for the new MPO website and interactive project information application. Further, almost 50 percent of the back-end database design has been completed. The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) will view the mapping prototype and provide feedback at its August 2, 2006 meeting. Staff will present the prototype and convey the CAC feedback to the MPC at the August 10, 2006 meeting. Since this is only the initial prototype, while much of the functional vision is in place, only limited content is available. This review provides the opportunity to give staff feedback and direction on the ‘look’ and function. Much momentum has been generated around this initiative. It is anticipated that a second “beta” of the prototype will be presented to the CAC and MPC at their September or October meetings.