

AGENDA ITEM #6: REGIONAL LAND USE RESEARCH SCAN: FINAL REPORT

SUBJECT:

A Regional Land Use Research Scan report, drafted by HRTPO staff, was circulated for public and TTAC review periods, and is ready for approval by the HRTPO Board. This task was included in the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program.

BACKGROUND:

The HRTPO Board approved the development of a regional land use map within the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program. As a part of this project, a scan of regions (both domestic and international) engaged in regional land use efforts was conducted and documented in the enclosed report. From the knowledge gathered in the scan, a regional land use map will be developed in FY 2011. This map will be created by combining the land use designations found in each locality's comprehensive plan.

The topic of expanding the scope of planning work to include multiple disciplines (e.g., land use, transportation, economics, environment) has taken on a more prominent role at the Federal level through recent grant programs (ARRA, and sustainability grants sponsored by HUD, the EPA, and the U.S. DOT). Products such as the enclosed scan and resulting map will be a valuable new resource for use in the development of the long-range transportation plan, transit planning, and other projects where land use is a key element.

The draft Regional Land Use Research Scan report was made available for public review and comment from May 5, 2010 through May 19, 2010. Comments received were considered and edits to the document were made. The final version of the Regional Land Use Research Scan is enclosed (Enclosure 6).

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has recommended approval of this report.

Enclosure 6 – Regional Land Use Research Scan: Final Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the final report.

STAFF COMMENTARY:

Work on this topic will continue in FY 2011 with a task to develop a regional land use map reflecting the land use designations found in each locality's comprehensive plan.