

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

**RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE 2020 AMENDMENT TO THE VISUALIZE 2045
LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND THE FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CONFORM WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF
THE CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1990**

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) has been designated by the Governors of Maryland and Virginia and the Mayor of the District of Columbia as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Washington Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAA), issued on November 24, 1993 "Criteria and Procedures for Determining Conformity to State or Federal Implementation Plans of Transportation Plans, Programs, and Projects Funded or Approved Under Title 23 U.S.C. or the Federal Transit Act," and, over the years, subsequently amended these regulations and provided additional guidance, which taken together provide the specific criteria for the TPB to make a determination of conformity of its financially constrained long-range transportation plan and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality maintenance within the Metropolitan Washington non-attainment area; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2019, the TPB staff released the Technical Inputs Solicitation Submission Guide and asked for inputs to the 2020 Amendment to the Visualize 2045 plan and the FY 2021-2024 TIP; and

WHEREAS, a scope of work was developed to address all procedures and requirements, including public and interagency consultation, and the scope was approved by the TPB at its July 24, 2019 meeting; and

WHEREAS, highway and transit project inputs submitted for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis of the 2020 Amendment to Visualize 2045 transportation plan and FY 2021-2024 TIP were approved by the TPB at its July 24, 2019 meeting; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the draft results of the air quality conformity analysis of the Visualize 2045 transportation plan and FY 2019-2024 TIP were released for a 30-day public comment period with inter-agency consultation; and

WHEREAS, the analysis reported in the Summary Report: Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2020 Amendment to Visualize 2045, dated March 18, 2020, demonstrates adherence to all mobile source emissions budgets for ground level ozone precursors Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) and Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), and meets all regulatory, planning and interagency consultation requirements, and therefore provides the basis for a finding of conformity of the 2020 Amendment to the Visualize 2045 transportation plan and the TIP with the requirements of the CAAA; and

WHEREAS, as part of the TPB's interagency consultation process, the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) concurs with the regional air quality conformity determination of the 2020 Amendment to the Visualize 2045 plan and the TIP, and provided other comments relating to the region's air quality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board determines that the 2020 Amendment to the Visualize 2045 long-range transportation plan and the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program conform to all requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on March 18, 2020