

TPB R14-2015
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NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

**RESOLUTION ON INCLUSION IN AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS OF
SUBMISSIONS FOR THE 2015 FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED LONG RANGE PLAN
(CLRP) AND THE FY 2015-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
(TIP)**

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), as the metropolitan planning organization for the Washington metropolitan area, has the responsibility under the provisions of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Planning Regulations issued February 14, 2007 by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) require that the long range transportation plan be reviewed and updated at least every four years; and

WHEREAS, the transportation plan, program and projects must be assessed for air quality conformity as required by the conformity regulations originally published by the Environmental Protection Agency in the November 24, 1993 Federal Register and with latest amendments published in the Federal Register on July 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2014 the TPB adopted resolution R5-2015 determining that the 2014 CLRP and the FY 2015-2020 TIP conform with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and resolution R6-2015 approving the 2014 CLRP; and

WHEREAS, the transportation implementing agencies in the region have provided submissions for the 2015 CLRP and the FY 2015-2020 TIP, which are in response to the November 2014 Call for Projects document issued by the TPB, and the Technical Committee has reviewed these submissions at its meetings on January 9 and February 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, at the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on January 15, the submissions for the 2015 CLRP were released for a 30-day public comment and interagency consultation period which ended February 14; and

WHEREAS, at the February 18, 2015 meeting, the TPB was briefed on the project submissions for the 2015 CLRP, the public comments received on the submissions, and the recommended responses to the public comments; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 CLRP is scheduled to be released for public comment on September 10, 2015 and approved by the TPB at its October 21, 2015 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the submissions have been developed to meet the financial plan requirements in the Metropolitan Planning Rules and show the consistency of the proposed projects with already available and projected sources of transportation revenues; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Following implementation of tolling on I 66 and Group 1 and 2 multimodal projects as part of VDOT and VDRPT's I 66 Multimodal Improvement inside the Beltway Project, but prior to implementation of widening, VDOT shall evaluate and report to TPB the effectiveness of the tolling and multimodal components, and assess the continuing necessity of widening. Such assessment shall include potential alternatives, impacts, and mitigations; and
2. The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board approves for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis of the 2015 CLRP and the FY 2015-2020 TIP, the project submissions as described in the attached memorandum.