

ITEM 11 - Action
November 17, 2010

Approval of the
FY 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Staff

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution R7-2011 approving the
FY 2011-2016 TIP.

Issues: None

Background: On October 14, the draft 2010 CLRP,
FY 2011-2016 TIP, and the associated
conformity and financial analyses were
released for public comment. The TIP is
available for review online as either a PDF
document or in a searchable database at:

<http://www.mwcog.org/clrp/projects/tip/> or
<http://www.mwcog.org/clrp/projects/search.asp>

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING
THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FY 2011-2016

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), which is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington Region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) of 2005 for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Planning Regulations of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) implementing SAFETEA-LU, which became effective July 14, 2007, specify the development and content of the long range transportation plan and require that it be reviewed and updated at least every four years; and

WHEREAS, the TIP is required by FHWA and FTA as a basis and condition for all federal funding assistance to state, local and regional agencies for transportation improvements within the Washington planning area; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2009, the TPB approved the 2009 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and FY 2010-2015 TIP which were developed as specified in the Federal Planning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2009, the TPB directed TPB staff to include in the FY 2010-2015 TIP and subsequent TIPs a separate analysis and description of bicycle and pedestrian projects with funding levels where possible; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2009, the TPB issued a solicitation document for projects and strategies to be included in the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP that will meet federal planning requirements and address the federal planning factors and goals in the TPB Vision; and

WHEREAS, the transportation implementing agencies in the region provided submissions for the 2010 CLRP and inputs to the FY 2011-2016 TIP, and the TPB Technical Committee and the TPB reviewed the submissions at meetings in April, September and October 2010; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2010, the TPB approved the major projects submitted for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment for the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2010, the draft 2010 CLRP, the FY 2011-2016 TIP, and conformity assessment were released for a 30-day public comment period and inter-agency review at the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2011-2016 TIP projects are consistent with the 2010 CLRP as approved by the TPB on November 17, 2010; and are selected in accordance with the Federal Planning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2011-2016 TIP has been developed to meet the financial requirements in the Federal Planning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2010, the TPB determined that the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP conform with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued regulations in 1991 on providing transit services to persons with disabilities to conform to the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and by January 1997, both the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and Frederick County ADA Paratransit services were operating as planned in conformance with the regulations; and

WHEREAS, during the development of the 2010 CLRP and FY 2011-2016 TIP, the TPB Participation Plan was followed, and numerous opportunities were provided for public comment: (1) At the April 15, 2010 TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting, the project submissions for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis of the plan and the air quality conformity work scope were released, and an opportunity for public comment on these submissions was provided at the beginning of the May TPB meeting; (2) At the May 19 meeting, the TPB approved a set of responses to the public comments on the project submissions for inclusion in the CLRP and TIP documents; (3) On July 8, 2010 the 2010 CLRP was presented to the TPB's Access for All Advisory Committee for their consideration and comment; (4) On October 14 in conjunction with the CAC meeting, a public meeting was held on the draft 2010 CLRP and the 2010 financial analysis, the draft FY 2011-2016 TIP, and the draft air quality conformity analysis, and the plan and TIP documents were released for a 30-day public comment period which closed on November 13, (5) An opportunity for public comment on these documents was provided on the TPB web page and at the beginning of the October and November TPB meetings; and (6) the final version of the TIP will include summaries of all comments and responses; and

WHEREAS, the TPB Technical Committee has recommended favorable action on the FY 2011-2016 TIP by the Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD approves the enclosed Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2011-2016.