

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS
FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET ASIDE PROGRAM
BETWEEN PROJECTS IN VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington Region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing American's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the FAST Act's Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set Aside) Program, which is part of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), provides a portion of funding based on the relative share of the total State population sub-allocated to large urbanized areas, and the MPO is required "to develop a competitive process to allow eligible entities to submit projects for funding ... in consultation with the relevant State"; and

WHEREAS, the TA Set Aside Program provides funding for transportation programs and projects defined as eligible per Section 1109 of the FAST Act; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT), the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) are responsible for determining the total federal funding amount allocated to the TPB, determining project eligibility, project implementation, and project oversight; and

WHEREAS, the TA Set Aside Program provides an opportunity to fund projects that implement regional policies reflected in the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan and in the seven initiatives endorsed by the TPB in December 2017 and January 2018, which include promoting Regional Activity Centers, improving pedestrian and bicycle access to transit, and completing the National Capital Trail; and

WHEREAS, the TA Set Aside is a complementary component of the TPB's Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program, which supports planning-related projects and events of TPB member jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2018, the TPB approved Resolution R20-2018, which awarded federal funding for a package of TA Set-Aside projects in Virginia, including \$274,250 in federal TA Set Aside funding to the Northern Virginia Regional Parks Authority for the W&OD Mode Separation project; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Parks Authority has requested that the W&OD Mode Separation project be cancelled with the intention of using other funds to complete it; and

WHEREAS, the cancellation of this project will create a surplus of \$274,250 in the TPB's federal TA Set-Aside sub-allocation for Virginia; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2017, the TPB approved Resolution R21-2017, which awarded funding for a package of TA Set Aside projects, including \$248,800 to the City of Falls Church for a project titled "W&OD Trail Master Plan" (later renamed "W&OD Trail Crossings Improvements" UPC 111402), which provided funding to improve crosswalks on the W&OD Trail in Falls Church; and

WHEREAS, VDOT has determined the W&OD Trail Master Plan project approved as part of R21-2017 is in need of additional federal funding in order to advertise for construction; and

WHEREAS, VDOT has requested that \$274,250 be transferred from the TPB's TA Set-Aside surplus to the W&OD Trail Master Plan project; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2019, the TPB approved Resolution SR1-2020 which established a policy for off-cycle fund transfers of TA Set-Aside funding between previously approved TPB projects, and the transfer requested by VDOT is consistent with that policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board approves the transfer of \$274,250 in federal TA Set Aside funds as described in the attached material.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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January 29, 2021

The Honorable Charles Allen, Chair
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
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RE: Request to Cancel a Transportation Alternatives (TA) project and process a transfer of TA funds

Dear Chairman Allen:

The NoVA Parks Authority has a TA set aside project (UPC 113612 - W&OD Trail – Mode Separation) and requested VDOT to cancel this project. The project is still going to be completed but using NVTA funds in connection with another project already being done by NoVA Parks. The Falls Church project delivery is interconnected with the overall W&OD trail improvements being accomplished by NoVA Parks.

There is \$274,250 of federal TA set aside funding available that has been requested by the City of Falls Church and NoVA Parks to transfer as follows:

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- Request to transfer from UPC 113612 (W&OD Trail – Mode Separation) **\$274,250** of TA Set Aside funds to the City of Falls Church project UPC 111402 (W&OD Trail Crossing Improvements) to cover an increase in cost.

All funding transfer requests above have been coordinated with the Local Assistance TA Program Coordinator. VDOT requests approval of this transfer at the next Steering Committee meeting. VDOT's representative will be available to answer questions. Thank you for our assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen Cuervo".

Helen Cuervo, P.E.
District Administrator

Cc: John Swanson - Carol Bondurant - Maria Sinner, P.E. - Norman Whitaker, AICP