

ITEM 11 - Action

July 18, 2012

Approval of the FY 2013-2018 TIP

Staff Recommendation: Adopt Resolution R3-2013 approving the FY 2013-2018 TIP.

Issues: None

Background: On June 14, the draft FY 2013-2018 TIP and associated conformity analyses were released for public comment.

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
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RESOLUTION APPROVING
THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR FY 2013-2018

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 November 17, 2010, the TPB approved the FY 2011-2016 TIP which was developed as specified in the Federal Planning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2011, the TPB issued a solicitation document for projects and strategies to be included in the 2012 CLRP and FY 2013-2018 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 2012 CLRP and inputs to the FY 2013-2018 TIP, and the TPB Technical Committee and the TPB reviewed the submissions at meetings in January, February and July 2012; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2012, the TPB approved the major projects submitted for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment for the 2012 CLRP and FY 2013-2018 TIP; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2012, the draft 2012 CLRP, FY 2013-2018 TIP, and conformity assessment were released for a 30-day public comment period and inter-agency review at a public forum held in conjunction with the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2013-2018 TIP projects are consistent with the 2012 CLRP as approved by the TPB on July 18, 2012; and are selected in accordance with the Federal Planning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2013-2018 TIP has been developed to meet the financial requirements in the Federal Planning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2012, the TPB determined that the 2012 CLRP and FY 2013-2018 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 2012 CLRP, the TPB Participation Plan was followed, and numerous opportunities were provided for public comment: (1) At the January 12, 2012 TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting, the project submissions for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis 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 January 18 TPB meeting; (2) At the February 15 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 May 3, 2012 the 2012 CLRP was presented to the TPB's Access for All Advisory Committee for their consideration and comment; (4) On June 14 in conjunction with the CAC meeting, a public meeting was held on the draft 2012 CLRP, the draft FY 2013-2018 TIP, and the draft air quality conformity analysis, and the Plan, TIP and air quality conformity documents were released for a 30-day public comment period which closed on July 14, (5) An opportunity for public comment on these documents was provided on the TPB website and at the beginning of the June 20 and July 18 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 2013-2018 TIP by the Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD approves the Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2013-2018.