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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN UPDATE TO THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

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 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area;
And

WHEREAS, the TPB's *Transportation Vision for the 21st Century*, adopted in 1998 calls for:

- Convenient bicycle and pedestrian access
 - Making the region's transportation facilities safer, more accessible and less intimidating for pedestrians, bicyclists, and persons with special needs
 - Improved internal mobility with reduced reliance on the automobile within the regional core and within regional activity centers
 - Increased transit, ridesharing, bicycling and walking mode shares
 - Implementing a regional bicycle/trail/pedestrian plan and including bicycle and pedestrian facilities in new transportation projects and improvements;
- and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the TPB adopted an update to the 1991 Bicycle Plan for the National Capital Region as an amendment to the Financially Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP); and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the TPB adopted a new *Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the National Capital Region*, replacing the 1995 Bicycle Plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the TPB adopted an update to the 2006 *Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the National Capital Region*, and;

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' *Region Forward 2050* called for more rapid implementation of the projects in the TPB's *Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the TPB's *Regional Transportation Priorities Plan*, adopted in 2014, emphasizes walking and bicycling as an achievable, cost-effective strategy to enhance access and make better use of existing transportation infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, this update to the bicycle and pedestrian plan identifies the capital improvements, studies, and actions that the region has carried out since the adoption of the 2010 *Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan*, as well as planning and policy changes adopted since then; and

WHEREAS, this update to the bicycle and pedestrian plan identifies the capital improvements, studies, actions, and strategies the region proposes to carry out by 2040 for major bicycle and pedestrian facilities; and

WHEREAS, this update to bicycle and pedestrian plan includes both funded and unfunded projects, and is advisory to the CLRP and a resource for planners and interested members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the TPB Technical Committee, which includes bicycle and pedestrian planners from the TPB state and local jurisdictions and representatives of bicycle user and pedestrian organizations, has overseen the development of the updated to the bicycle and pedestrian plan, which utilizes an on-line project database to facilitate keeping the regional project list accurate and up-to-date; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of bicycle and pedestrian projects in the plan will be monitored, and a progress report on the implementation of those projects will be made every two years, and

WHEREAS, the updated plan identifies a set of indicators of progress towards the broader goals identified in the TPB *Vision* and the Council of Governments' *Region Forward 2050*, and a progress report on those indicators will be made every two years; and

WHEREAS, at the December 17, 2014 meeting, the TPB was briefed on the draft update to the bicycle and pedestrian plan; and

WHEREAS, at the January 9, 2015 meeting, the TPB Technical Committee recommended favorable action on the update to the bicycle and pedestrian plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD approves the enclosed updated *Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the National Capital Region*.

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Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on January 21, 2015.