

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD  
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**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH EQUITY AS A FUNDAMENTAL VALUE AND INTEGRAL PART OF ALL  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD'S WORK ACTIVITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Washington Metropolitan Area by the Governors of Maryland and Virginia and the Mayor of the District of Columbia; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of the TPB has been guided by its policy documents starting with the TPB Vision statement through the Visualize 2045 Aspirational Initiatives, which emphasize multi-modal, affordable, and safe mobility options to promote prosperity, accessibility, livability, and sustainability throughout the region, as espoused in COG's Region Forward Vision; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB Vision, adopted in 1998, embraced equity as a key principle by, among other things, calling for a transportation system that would "provide reasonable access at reasonable cost to everyone in the region"; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB in 2017 identified Equity Emphasis Areas, which are geographically defined places in the region with high concentrations of minority and low-income populations that should receive focused attention for transportation analysis and planning, at both the regional and local levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB as part of its long-range plan development, uses the Equity Emphasis Areas as part of an Environmental Justice analysis to examine the impacts of the region's transportation investments on minority and low-income population groups; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB promotes transportation projects and programs in disadvantaged communities by giving focused attention to programs including TPB's Equity Emphasis Areas, Transportation/Land Use Connections and Transportation Alternatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB seeks the input of traditionally underserved population groups through its Access for All Advisory Committee and its Citizens Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB believes equity is a fundamental value defined as the commitment to promote fairness and justice in the development and implementation of projects, programs and policies, achieved when all people are fully able to participate in the region's economic vitality, contribute to its readiness for the future, and connect to the region's assets and resources, and;

**WHEREAS**, the TPB member governments and agencies are increasingly committing to intentionally consider equity when making policies or delivering programs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB condemns inequitable treatment of any group of people, on any basis, and reaffirms its commitment to equity in all aspects of transportation planning and programming; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB recognizes the history of racism in our country and how it has led to current day disparities in education, job attainment, housing, healthcare, and transportation access, as well as disproportionate incarceration rates for Black and Brown members of our communities, among other negative impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB recognizes that racial inequities have become institutionalized in the policies and practices of many agencies, governmental and otherwise; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB condemns racial discrimination and inequity and commits to being non-racist, and significantly, also commits the TPB to actively oppose racism;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD THAT:**

The TPB and its staff commit that our work together will be anti-racist and will advance equity including every debate we have, and every decision we make as the region's MPO; and

The TPB affirms that equity, as a foundational principle, will be woven throughout TPB's analyses, operations, procurement, programs, and priorities to ensure a more prosperous, accessible, livable, sustainable, and equitable future for all residents; and

We recognize past actions that have been exclusionary or had disparate negative impacts on people of color and marginalized communities, including institutionalized policies and practices that continue to have inequitable impacts today, and we commit to act to correct such inequities in all our programs and policies.