METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS 777 North Capitol Street, NE Washington, D.C. 20002-4290

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING AND PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS COORDINATION (MATOC) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in response to the terrorist acts of September 11, 2001, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), and member jurisdictions and agencies worked to develop the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECPSM), and its Regional Emergency Evacuation Transportation Coordination (REETC) Annex, including identification of needs for enhancements to regional transportation coordination and information sharing; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) met as an Ad Hoc Steering Committee from 2004 to 2007 exploring ways to strengthen regional transportation coordination, including participation in a DDOT-sponsored study by the U.S. Department of Transportation Volpe National Transportation Systems Center providing findings and recommendations on this issue; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of U.S. Representative James Moran of Virginia, the region has been designated to receive a grant from the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) legislation to support a metropolitan Washington regional transportation coordination program; and

WHEREAS, DDOT, MDOT, VDOT, and WMATA have affirmed the need for an entity of official standing called the "Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination (MATOC) Program", have formed a MATOC Program Steering Committee, and will through the Steering Committee collectively oversee the program; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board has included the MATOC Program in the regional Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and will be an ex-officio member of the Steering Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:

The Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to enter into agreements to receive funding from member agencies of the Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination (MATOC) Program Steering Committee, not to exceed \$2 million, for the purpose of providing administrative support services for the MATOC Program. The Executive Director is further authorized to retain the services of a consultant team to provide technical support services for the program. The project duration will be from receipt of funding through no later than June 30, 2010. The source of funding will be a federal transportation grant matched by funding provided by DDOT, MDOT, and VDOT. No COG matching funds will be required.