**Resolution R11-2012**

 **March 14, 2012**

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20002-4239**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO APPLY FOR AND ADMINISTER FUNDING FROM**

**THE USDOT’S FY 2012 TIGER COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, On January 31, 2012, U.S. DOT released a notice of funding availability for the FY 2012 TIGER discretionary grant program; and

**WHEREAS,** the FY 2012 TIGER program is a competitive discretionary grant program administered through the USDOT Office of the Secretary and funded with $500 million appropriated through the FY 2012 Appropriations Act, $380 million of which is available for capital projects in urban areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), as 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 Washington Metropolitan Area; and

**WHEREAS,** metropolitan planning organizations like the TPB are eligible applicants under the FY 2012 TIGER grant funding guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB adopted the attached Resolution, TPB R10-2012, on February 15, 2012, approving the submission of an application for a project to Implement Multimodal Access Improvements in Rail Station Areas in the National Capital Region for funding under the FY 2012 TIGER competitive grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB will be the lead applicant in the grant application and COG/TPB will be the direct recipient of up to $30 million for a regional pedestrian and bicycle access improvements to rail stations project, and other state, regional and local agencies will be joint applicants and sub-recipients of FY 2012 TIGER grant funding included in the application; and

**WHEREAS**, COG is the administrative agent of the TPB, and the COG Board authorizes the executive director to apply for and administer grant funding on behalf of the TPB; and

**WHEREAS**, applying for an FY 2012 TIGER grant represents a significant regional funding opportunity.

**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 apply for and administer grant funding from USDOT’s FY 2012 TIGER Competitive Grant Program for a project to Implement Multimodal Access Improvements in Rail Station Areas in an amount no less than $10,000,000 and not to exceed $30,000,000 in accordance with provisions of the grant program. No COG matching funds are required.

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*The foregoing resolution was unanimously approved and adopted by the BOG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on March 14, 2012.*

 *Barbara J. Chapman*

 *Executive Board Secretary*

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