

ITEM 7 – Action
July 20, 2016

Approval of the National Capital Region Freight Plan

Staff

Recommendation: Adopt TPB Resolution R1-2017 approving the National Capital Region Freight Plan briefing

Issues: None

Background: This plan is a major update to the 2010 National Capital Region Freight Plan. The plan was released for a 30-day public comment period on June 9, 2016 and the board was briefed on the draft plan on June 15, 2016. The plan describes the role of freight in the Region's economy, provides an overview of the multimodal freight transportation system, describes the drivers of freight demand and resulting freight flows, and discusses significant freight issues. It includes a set of regional freight policies, a list of projects important for freight, and recommendations for future freight planning actions. It is intended to be both a technical reference and a guide to future TPB freight planning activities.

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING
THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION FREIGHT PLAN**

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

WHEREAS, the TPB Vision, which was adopted on October 21, 1998 includes:

- Policy Goal 2, which states that “... the region will develop, implement, and maintain an interconnected transportation system that enhances quality of life and promotes a strong and growing economy throughout the region...”; and
- Policy Goal 2, Objective 5: “Efficient and safe movement of people, goods, and information, with minimal adverse impacts on residents and the environment”; and
- Policy Goal 8, Strategy 5: “Develop a regional plan for freight movement”; and

WHEREAS, freight plays a critical role in the region’s economy; and

WHEREAS, the TPB created a Freight Subcommittee with the primary mission to advise the TPB, the TPB Technical Committee, and other TPB subcommittees on freight transportation matters, as well as to provide a forum for information sharing and coordination on freight transportation issues among TPB member agencies and freight stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, members of the Freight Subcommittee supported the development of the *National Capital Region Freight Plan 2016* to help guide freight program activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Freight Subcommittee and staff worked in close coordination on the development of the *National Capital Region Freight Plan 2016*; and

WHEREAS, following from the discussions at the October 21, 2015 TPB work session, TPB staff in consultation with the TPB, the Freight Subcommittee, the TPB Technical Committee, and other stakeholders developed a comprehensive set of regional freight polices that are included within the *National Capital Region Freight Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the *National Capital Region Freight Plan* identifies a number of findings and recommendations in support of the TPB Vision and Regional Transportation Priorities Plan goals; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Freight Plan reflects an emphasis on safety, including hazardous materials issues and infrastructure state of good repair; and

WHEREAS, at its June 15, 2016 meeting, the TPB was briefed on the draft *National Capital Region Freight Plan*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD approves the attached *National Capital Region Freight Plan*.