

ITEM 11 - Action

October 19, 2005

Approval of
the FY 2006-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Staff

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution R7-2006 approving the FY 2006-2011 TIP.

Issues: None

Background: At the September 21 meeting, the Board was briefed on the status of the draft 2005 CLRP and the FY 2006-2011 TIP. The 2005 CLRP information and new TIP were also made available at www.mwcog.org/transportation/public/

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FOR FY 2005-2010**

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 the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) of 1998 for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the final planning regulations issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on October 28, 1993 require that "the metropolitan transportation planning process shall include development of a transportation improvement program (TIP) for the metropolitan planning area by the MPO in cooperation with the State and transit operators."; and

WHEREAS, the TIP is required by FHWA and FTA as a basis and condition for all federal funding assistance to state, local and regional agencies for transportation improvements within the Washington planning area; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2005, the TPB issued a solicitation document for projects and strategies to be included in the CLRP and TIP that will meet federal planning requirements and address the goals in the TPB Vision, including three priority areas; and

WHEREAS, the transportation implementing agencies in the region provided submissions for the 2005 CLRP and inputs to the FY 2006-2011 TIP, and the TPB Technical Committee and the TPB reviewed the submissions and the draft FY 2006-2011 TIP at meetings in May, June, July, September, and October; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2006-2011 TIP includes projects which are consistent with the 2005 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) for the National Capital Region as approved by the TPB on October 19, 2005; and are selected in accordance with the final planning regulations; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2006-2011 TIP has been developed to meet the financial requirements in the Metropolitan Planning Rules and includes projects or identified phases of projects only if full funding can reasonably be anticipated to be available for their completion with already available and projected sources of transportation revenues while the existing transportation system is being adequately operated and maintained; and

WHEREAS, during the development of the FY 2006-2011 TIP, the TPB public involvement process was followed, and numerous opportunities were provided for public comment: (1) At the February 10, 2005 TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting, the project submissions for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis of the 2005 and the FY 2006-2011 TIP and the air quality conformity work scope were released, and an opportunity for public comment on these submissions was provided at the beginning of the February 16, March 16 and April 20 TPB meetings; (2) At the April 20, 2005 meeting, the TPB approved a set of responses to the public comments on the project submissions for inclusion in the CLRP and TIP documents; (3) On September 15, 2005, the draft air quality conformity analysis, the draft 2005 CLRP, and the draft FY 2006-2011 TIP were released for a 30-day public comment period which closed on October 15; (4) An opportunity for public comment on these documents was provided at the beginning of the September 21 and October 19 TPB meetings; (5) The comments and staff responses to them were reviewed and accepted for inclusion in the CLRP and TIP by the TPB on October 19, 2005; and the final version of the TIP includes summaries of the comments and the responses; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued regulations in 1991 on providing transit services to persons with disabilities to conform to the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and by January 1997, both the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and Frederick County ADA Paratransit services were operating as planned in conformance with the regulations; and

WHEREAS, FTA issued Circular 7008.1A in 2002, defining what transit financial information it will use to assess the financial capacity of grant applicants, and the FY 2006- 2011 TIP is financially realistic by year with identified available revenues for the transit improvements programmed, showing that the region has the financial capacity to operate and maintain an expanded transit system; and

WHEREAS, the TPB has determined that the FY 2006-2011 TIP conforms with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2005, the TPB was briefed on how the projects in the 2005 CLRP and FY 2006-2011 TIP address the three priority areas identified in its January solicitation document, including implementing more traffic signal optimization, improving regional transportation coordination for incident management, and identifying how projects support the regional core and regional activity centers; and

WHEREAS, the TPB Technical Committee has recommended favorable action on the FY 2006-2011 TIP by the Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD approves the Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2006-2011.