

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO APPLY FOR AND ADMINISTER FUNDING FOR A
REGIONAL BIKE-SHARING PROJECT FROM THE TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS
GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY (TIGER) II COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM
ADMINISTERED BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT)**

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2010, the USDOT announced that the National Capital Region will receive \$58 million in TIGER funding for portions of the Regional Priority Bus Project that was submitted by the TPB in September 2009; and

WHEREAS, On June 1, 2010, the USDOT released the final notice of funding availability for the TIGER II discretionary grant program, which is so named because of its similarity in scope and administration to the TIGER grant program; and

WHEREAS, the TIGER II program is a competitive discretionary grant program administered through the USDOT Office of the Secretary funded with \$600 million appropriated through the FY2010 Appropriations Act, \$425 million of which is available for capital projects in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), as the (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 expressed TIGER II grant funding guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the TPB adopted the attached Resolution, TPB R25-2010, on June 16, 2010, approving the submission of a National Capital Region Regional Bike-sharing application for funding under the TIGER II 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 \$25 million for a regional bicycle sharing program, and other state, regional and local agencies will be joint applicants and direct recipients of all other TIGER II 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 a TIGER II 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 TIGER II Competitive Grant Program for a Regional Bike-Sharing project in an amount no less than \$10,000,000 and not to exceed \$25,000,000 in accordance with provisions of the grant program. No COG matching funds are required.

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Nicole Hange, Clerk