

TPB R2-2010  
July 15, 2009

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING**  
**THE 2009 CONSTRAINED LONG RANGE**  
**TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

**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 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 Metropolitan Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Planning Regulations of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) implementing SAFETEA-LU, which became effective July 14, 2007, specify the development and content of the long range transportation plan and require that it be reviewed and updated at least every four years; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 19, 2008, the TPB approved the 2008 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and FY 2009-2014 TIP which were developed as specified in the Federal Planning Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 15, 2008, the TPB issued a solicitation document for projects and strategies to be included in the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP that will meet federal planning requirements and address the federal planning factors and goals in the TPB Vision; and

**WHEREAS**, the transportation implementing agencies in the region provided submissions for the 2009 CLRP and inputs to the FY 2010-2015 TIP, and the TPB Technical Committee and the TPB reviewed the submissions at meetings in January, February and March 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 18 and March 18, 2009, the TPB approved the major projects submitted for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment for the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2009, the draft 2009 CLRP, the FY 2010-2015 TIP, and conformity assessment were released for a 30-day public comment period and inter-agency review at the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the significant changes for the 2009 CLRP are described in the attached memorandum of February 11, 2009 and on the TPB web site, and detailed information on all of the projects in the 2009 CLRP is provided on the TPB web site and in Appendix B of the Air Quality Conformity report as adopted July 15, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the financial plan for the 2009 CLRP demonstrates that the forecast revenues reasonably expected to be available are equal to the estimated costs of expanding and adequately maintaining and operating the highway and transit system in the region through 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, in each year's update of the CLRP between 2000 and 2004, the TPB has explicitly accounted for the funding uncertainties affecting the Metrorail system capacity and levels of service beyond 2005 by constraining transit ridership to or through the core area to 2005 levels; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the "Metro Matters" commitments for Metro's near-term funding, the transit ridership constraint to or through the core area was applied in the 2005 through 2008 CLRP conformity analysis using 2010 ridership levels rather than 2005 levels; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the federal legislation enacted in October 2008 to authorize \$150 million per year for 10 years in funding for WMATA's capital and preventive maintenance projects, and steps taken by the legislatures of Maryland, Virginia, and District of Columbia to identify the required dedicated local matching revenues, this additional revenue was assumed to be available in the financial plan for the 2009 CLRP and the transit ridership constraint to or through the core area was applied in the 2009 CLRP conformity analysis using 2020 ridership levels for 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2009, the draft Air Quality Conformity Determination of the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP and web-based information were released for a 30-day public comment period and inter-agency review; and

**WHEREAS**, during the development of the 2009 CLRP, the TPB Participation Plan was followed, and numerous opportunities were provided for public comment: (1) At the January 15, 2009 TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting, the project submissions for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis of the 2009 CLRP and the FY 2010-2015 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 January, February and March TPB meetings; (2) At the February 18 and March 18 meetings, 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 June 11, 2009 in conjunction with the CAC meeting, a public meeting was held on the draft FY 2010-2015 TIP and the draft air quality conformity analysis, and the draft 2009 CLRP, the draft FY 2010-2015 TIP and web-based information on the plan were released for a 30-day public comment period which closed on July 11, 2009, and no public comments were received; (4) An opportunity for public comment on these documents was provided on the TPB web page and at the

beginning of the July 15 TPB meeting; and (5) the final version of the TIP will include summaries of all comments and responses; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 15, 2009, the TPB determined that the 2009 CLRP conforms with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB Technical Committee has recommended favorable action on the 2009 CLRP by the Board, and

**WHEREAS**, on July 15, 2009, the TPB as requested by the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) in the attached letter of July 8, 2009, included the following intercity passenger rail projects in the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP:

- Union Station Escalator Replacements,
- Union Station Passenger Facility Enhancements,
- Union Station Access Enhancements, and
- A Study of the structural integrity and capacity of the Long Bridge over the Potomac River;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD** approves the 2009 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan for the National Capital Region, as described in the attached memorandum and DDOT letter, the TPB web site, and Appendix B of the Air Quality Conformity report.

**Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on July 15, 2009.**