NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD 777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, N.E., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002-4239

RESOLUTION TO

INCLUDE THE PROJECT TO REALIGN AND WIDEN A SEGMENT OF BILLINGSLEY ROAD IN CHARLES COUNTY IN THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS FOR THE 2006 CONSTRAINED LONG RANGE PLAN (CLRP) AND FY2007-2012 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

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 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Planning Regulations issued October 28, 1993 by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) require that the long range transportation plan be reviewed and updated at least triennially to comply with the Metropolitan Planning Rules of October 28, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the transportation plan, program and projects must be assessed for air quality conformity as required by the conformity regulations originally published by the Environmental Protection Agency in the November 24, 1993 *Federal Register* and with latest amendments published in the *Federal Register* on May 6, 2005; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2005, the TPB adopted resolution R5-2006 determining that the 2005 CLRP and FY 2006-2011 TIP conform with the 8-Hour Ozone Standard requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, and on October 19, 2005 adopted resolution R6-2006 approving the 2005 CLRP and resolution R7-2006 approving the FY2006-2011 TIP; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2005, the TPB adopted resolution R9-2006 determining that the 2005 CLRP and the FY 2006-2011 TIP conform with the Fine Particles (PM2.5) requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2006, the TPB adopted resolution R18-2006 approving for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis of the 2006 CLRP and FY2007-2012 TIP the project submissions from the transportation implementing agencies in the region, which were in response to the December 2005 solicitation document issued by the TPB; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of June 14, 2006, Charles County has requested that

the project to realign and widen Billingsley Road from 2 to 4 lanes (known as the Cross County Connector) from Middletown Road to MD 210 Indian Head Highway be included in the 2006 CLRP and the FY 2007-2012 TIP, as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, at the June 15, 2006 meeting of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), the project submission was released for public comment; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2006, the TPB received a briefing on the responses to the public comments; and

WHEREAS, the air quality conformity analysis, the 2006 CLRP and the FY2007-2012 TIP are scheduled to be released for public comment on September 14, 2006 and approved by the TPB at its October 18, 2006 meeting; and

WHEREAS, this project is funded with local dollars, is consistent with already available and projected sources of transportation revenues and meets the financial plan requirements in the Metropolitan Planning Rules;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board approves for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis of the 2006 Constrained Long Range Plan and FY2007-2012 TIP the project to realign and widen Billingsley Road from 2 to 4 lanes (known as the Cross County Connector) from Middletown Road to MD 210 Indian Head Highway as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the TPB at its regular meeting on July 19, 2006.