

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, N.E.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A
CONTRACT WITH TAPIT
TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION
OF A REGIONAL WATER AND WASTEWATER OUTREACH CAMPAIGN**

WHEREAS, since 2003, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has implemented a successful regional Water, Use it Wisely outreach campaign to educate and encourage citizens in the National Capital Region to use their drinking water wisely; and

WHEREAS, COG in partnership with area water and wastewater utilities has created a public outreach and education campaign known as the Community Engagement Campaign that includes as a core message that tap water is safe to drink; and

WHEREAS, tap water is less expensive, safer and more sustainable than bottled water; and

WHEREAS, promoting the water produced by our region's water utilities is not only beneficial to the region's economy but to the environment; and

WHEREAS, TapIt , founded in 2008, builds a comprehensive network of regional eateries and cafes that make clean tap water accessible to the public on the go. Café owners sign up as 'partners' to provide tap water to those who carry a reusable bottle, creating community and empowering citizens to make conscious decisions for a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, the members of COG's Community Engagement Campaign have selected TapIt it for a regional tap water promotion campaign, based on the success DC Water has had working with TapIt;

**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 enter into a contract with TapIt, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000, to develop and implement a tap water promotion program targeting local businesses. The duration of the contract is twelve months from the date of execution. No COG matching funds will be required.

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
THE 2012 NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) require the annual election of three officers to the Board of Directors and four corporate officers of the organization; and

WHEREAS, the election of these positions requires the convention of a Nominating Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Nominating Committee is comprised of 7 members, balanced geographically among the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, and the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Board Chairman to recommend members to serve on the Nominating Committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

Upon recommendation by the Board Chair, the Board of Directors hereby approves the following recommended persons to serve on the Nominating Committee: Chairman Andrea Harrison, Prince George's County; Andrea McGimsey, Loudoun County; Muriel Bowser, District of Columbia; Allen Lew, District of Columbia; Roger Berliner, Montgomery County; Walter Tejada, Arlington; Karen Young, Frederick.

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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SECOND ROUND OF FORECLOSURE COUNSELING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CAPITOL AREA FORECLOSURE NETWORK (CAFN)

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has long supported affordable housing programs and policies throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 COG hosted the first regional summit to address housing foreclosures in metropolitan Washington; and

WHEREAS, addressing the region's housing needs, including slowing the pace of foreclosure rates, was identified as a priority task in COG's FY 2012 Work Program and Budget and in COG's 2011 Policy Focus and Priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Institute's Housing in the Nation's Capitol 2009 report recommended the establishment of a formal regional housing counseling network to address ongoing foreclosure issues, specifically suggesting that the effort be led by COG; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the COG Board adopted Resolution R24-10 establishing the Capital Area Foreclosure Network (CAFN), an innovative partnership between COG, the Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington and the Urban Institute that builds the capacity of local housing counseling, legal service and direct service organizations by raising awareness of the role of direct services through marketing and outreach, coordinating trainings around the region, and developing sustainable fundraising strategies; and

WHEREAS, in CY2011, CAFN has applied for and received funding from Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, NeighborWorks America, and the United Way totaling \$175,000 to seek proposals for and award grants up to \$25,000 to support local housing counseling agencies, as selected by CAFN's member Grant Awards Selection Team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:

The COG Board approves the release of RFP 12-005 to seek applications for competitively-awarded grants to housing counseling agencies that are working to address ongoing foreclosure problems in the region. No matching funds are required.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO APPLY FOR AND ADMINISTER FUNDING FOR A PROJECT TO IMPLEMENT PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS IN RAIL STATION AREAS IN THE REGION FROM THE FY 2011 TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY (TIGER) COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT)

WHEREAS, On July 1, 2011, USDOT released an interim notice of funding availability for the FY 2011 TIGER discretionary grant program, and a final notice of funding availability on August 12, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2011 TIGER program is a competitive discretionary grant program administered through the USDOT Office of the Secretary funded with \$527 million appropriated through the FY 2011 Appropriations Act, \$387 million of which is available for capital projects in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), as 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 Washington Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, metropolitan planning organizations like the TPB are eligible applicants under the expressed FY 2011 TIGER grant funding guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the TPB adopted the attached Resolution, TPB R3-2012, on September 21, 2011, approving the submission of a pre-application for a project to Implement Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Improvements in Rail Station Areas in the National Capital Region for funding under the FY 2011 TIGER 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 \$30 million for a regional pedestrian and bicycle access improvements to rail stations project, and other state, regional and local agencies will be joint applicants and sub-recipients of FY 2011 TIGER 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 an FY 2011 TIGER 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 FY 2011 TIGER Competitive Grant Program for a project to Implement Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Improvements in Rail Station Areas in an amount no less than \$10,000,000 and not to exceed \$30,000,000 in accordance with provisions of the grant program. No COG matching funds are required.

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