

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A
PRE-APPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ACCESS
IMPROVMENTS IN RAIL STATION AREAS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
FOR FUNDING UNDER THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT)
FY 2011 TIGER COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM**

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 Washington Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, On July 1, 2011, U.S. DOT 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 US DOT 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 TIGER program focuses on five primary criteria: state of good repair, safety, sustainability, livability, and economic competitiveness; and two secondary criteria: innovation and partnership; and

WHEREAS, the TIGER program provides the TPB with a good opportunity to fund innovative and challenging transportation projects that would be multimodal, multijurisdictional, multi-partnered and difficult to implement under other "modal" funding sources, in the process of meeting USDOT's long-term goals and objectives, such as providing regional benefits and strengthening regional partnerships, promoting multimodal travel by increasing connectivity and feasibility of using transit throughout the region, and increasing affordable transportation options; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2011 TIGER application timeframe requires a pre-application to be submitted by October 3 with a final application due by October 31; and

WHEREAS, at the July 21 TPB meeting, the Board approved TPB staff working with regional staff to develop a regional application that would center on funding small-scale,

innovative transit access projects, including pedestrian, bicycle, streetscape or other circulation improvements to improve access to selected rail stations and encourage mixed-use development around the stations; and

WHEREAS, on July 29 an e-mail request was sent to TPB member jurisdictions requesting them to identify potential infrastructure projects for inclusion in the TPB application, and TPB staff and staff from member jurisdictions met on August 17 and 30 to review the proposed project details, costs and local funding match sources, required assurances, operating funding sources, and alternative financing opportunities, such as private contributions; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, the TPB Technical Committee was briefed on the recommended local projects for the application to implement pedestrian and bicycle access improvements in rail station areas and recommended that the projects be presented to the TPB for approval on September 21; and

WHEREAS, the recommended local projects for the application include:

- Forest Glen Underpass in Montgomery County,
- Pedestrian Safety Measures for New Carrollton Metro Station in Prince George's County,
- West Hyattsville Metro Station / Ager Road Improvements in Prince George's County,
- Safer Walkways around the Twinbrook Metro Station in the City of Rockville,
- Army Navy Drive Multimodal Access Improvements in Arlington County,
- Bicycle Lockers at VRE Stations, and
- Fort Totten Access Improvements in the District of Columbia, as described in the attached memorandum; and

WHEREAS, additional details on the local project designs, costs and funding commitments, and implementation schedules will be provided to TPB staff by September 30 in order to perform and document the required analysis of the expected benefits and costs, including a calculation of net benefits,

WHEREAS, at its October 19 meeting the TPB will be asked to review and approve the final application for submission by October 31;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD approves the recommended local projects for submission of a pre-application for a regional application under the federal FY 2011 TIGER program by the due date of October 3, 2011 as described in the attached memorandum.