

ITEM 8 – Action
October 17, 2018

Approval of Air Quality Conformity Analysis of Visualize 2045
And 2019-2024 TIP

Staff Recommendation: Adopt Resolution R4-2019 finding that Visualize 2045 and the FY 2019-2024 TIP conform with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

Issues: None

Background: At the September 21 meeting, the board was briefed on the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of Visualize 2045 and the FY 2019-2024 TIP.

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

**RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE VISUALIZE 2045 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN
AND THE FY 2019-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CONFORM WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF
THE CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1990**

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) has been designated by the Governors of Maryland and Virginia and the Mayor of the District of Columbia as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Washington Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAA), issued on November 24, 1993 "Criteria and Procedures for Determining Conformity to State or Federal Implementation Plans of Transportation Plans, Programs, and Projects Funded or Approved Under Title 23 U.S.C. or the Federal Transit Act," and, over the years, subsequently amended these regulations and provided additional guidance, which taken together provide the specific criteria for the TPB to make a determination of conformity of its financially constrained long-range transportation plan and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality maintenance within the Metropolitan Washington non-attainment area; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2017, the TPB issued a Technical Inputs Solicitation Submission Guide, which is a formal call for area transportation implementing agencies to submit technical details, including those necessary to perform the required air quality and financial analyses of the Visualize 2045 transportation plan, for projects, programs and policies to be included in Visualize 2045 and the FY 2019-2024 TIP; and

WHEREAS, a scope of work was developed to address all procedures and requirements, including public and interagency consultation, and the scope was released for public comment on December 14, 2017, and approved by the TPB at its January 17, 2018 meeting; and

WHEREAS, highway and transit project inputs submitted for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis of the Visualize 2045 transportation plan and FY 2019-2024 TIP were released for public comment on December 14, 2017, and approved by the TPB at its January 17, 2018 meeting; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2018, the draft results of the air quality conformity analysis of the Visualize 2045 transportation plan and FY 2019-2024 TIP were released for a 30-day public comment period with inter-agency consultation; and

WHEREAS, the analysis reported in the Visualize 2045 transportation plan and in *Appendix C: Air Quality Conformity Analysis Summary* of the plan, dated October 17, 2018, demonstrates adherence to all mobile source emissions budgets for ground level ozone precursors Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) and Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), and meets all regulatory, planning and interagency consultation requirements, and therefore provides the basis for a finding of conformity of the Visualize 2045 transportation plan and the TIP with the requirements of the CAAA; and

WHEREAS, as part of the TPB's interagency consultation process, the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) concurs with the regional air quality conformity determination of the Visualize 2045 transportation plan and the TIP, and provided other comments relating to the region's air quality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board determines that the Visualize 2045 long-range transportation plan and the FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program conform to all requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Lyn Erickson, Plan Development and Coordination Program Director
SUBJECT: Visualize 2045: Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis of Visualize 2045 and the FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program
DATE: October 11, 2018

On October 17, 2018, the TPB is scheduled to adopt Resolution R4-2019 finding that Visualize 2045 and the FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program conform with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. A printed draft of the *Visualize 2045 Appendix C: Air Quality Conformity Analysis Summary* was made available for public comment on September 7 and was also available at the board meeting on September 21. Since that draft was produced, staff have made some technical corrections in the document.

The final *Visualize 2045 Appendix C: Air Quality Conformity Analysis Summary* document has been posted for the review on the “Documents” page of the plan’s website at visualize2045.org. A print version of the final draft document is available upon request. A limited number of printed copies of the latest draft will be made available for review at the TPB meeting on October 17. The final printed version will be distributed at the November 16 TPB meeting.