

TPB R8-2007
October 18, 2006

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING
THE 2006 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 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 ; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 1994, the TPB adopted the first Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP); and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 1997, the TPB approved the first triennial update to the CLRP, which was published in July 1998 as the document: *1997 Update to the Financially Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan for the National Capital Region*; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2000, the TPB approved the second triennial update to the CLRP, which was published in May 2002 as the document: *2000 Update to the Financially Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan for the National Capital Region*; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2003, the TPB approved the third triennial update to the CLRP, which was published in October 2004 as the document: *2003 Update to the Financially Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan for the National Capital Region*; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2005, the TPB approved the 2005 CLRP; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2005, the TPB issued a solicitation document for projects and strategies to be included in the CLRP and TIP that will meet federal planning requirements and address the federal planning factors and goals in the TPB Vision, including three priority areas; and

WHEREAS, the transportation implementing agencies in the region provided submissions

for the 2006 CLRP and inputs to the FY 2007-2012 TIP, and the TPB Technical Committee and the TPB reviewed the submissions at meetings in February, March and April; and

WHEREAS, during the development of the 2006 CLRP, the TPB public involvement process was followed, and numerous opportunities were provided for public comment: (1) At the February 9, 2006 TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting, the project submissions for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis of the 2006 CLRP and the FY 2007-2012 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 February 15, March 15 and April 19 TPB meetings; (2) At the April 19, 2006 meeting, 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 19, 2006, notice was provided that the Cross County Connector in Charles County would be included in the CLRP and TIP and public comments on this project were received at the July 19 TPB meeting, (4) On September 14, 2006, the draft air quality conformity analysis, the draft 2006 CLRP, the draft FY 2007-2012 TIP, a new plan brochure and a comprehensive set of web-based information on the plan were released for a 30-day public comment period which closed on October 14; (4) An opportunity for public comment on these documents was provided on the TPB web page and at the beginning of the September 20 and October 18 TPB meetings; and (5) The comments and staff responses to them were reviewed and accepted for inclusion in the CLRP and TIP by the TPB on October 18, 2006; and the final version of the TIP will include summaries of the comments and the responses; and

WHEREAS, the significant changes for the 2006 CLRP are described in the attached memorandum of September 13, 2006 and on the TPB web site, and detailed information on all of the projects in the 2006 CLRP is provided on the TPB web site and in Appendix B of the Air Quality Conformity report as adopted October 18, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the new financial plan for the 2006 CLRP which is documented in the September 2006 report: *Analysis of Resources for the 2006 Financially Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan for the Washington Region* has been developed to meet the requirements in the federal Joint Planning Regulations and shows the consistency of the proposed projects with already available and projected sources of transportation revenues while the existing transportation system is being adequately operated and maintained; and

WHEREAS, in each year's update of the CLRP since 2000, 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 CLRP conformity analysis using 2010 ridership levels rather than 2005 levels; and

WHEREAS, while progress was made during 2006 in Congress and the legislatures of

Maryland, Virginia, and District of Columbia to identify additional revenues for WMATA's future capital needs, this additional revenue was not assumed to be available in the financial plan and the transit ridership constraint to or through the core area was applied in the 2006 CLRP conformity analysis using 2010 ridership levels ; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2006, the TPB determined that the 2006 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 2006 CLRP by the Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD approves the 2006 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan for the National Capital Region, as described in the attached memorandum, the TPB web site, and Appendix B of the Air Quality Conformity report.

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on October 18,2006.