

ITEM 11 - Action

October 18, 2006

Approval of
the FY 2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Staff

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution R9-2007 approving the FY 2007-2012 TIP.

Issues: None

Background: On September 20, the Board was briefed on the draft 2006 CLRP and FY 2007-2012 TIP documents and web-based information.

A new website describing the plan and draft TIP was available on September 14 at the beginning of the public comment period, and is located at: **www.mwcog.org/regionaltransportationplan**. The website includes information on the new significant projects, existing projects in the plan as approved October 19, 2005, how the plan was developed, plan performance, the financial analysis, and the draft FY 2007-2012 TIP document. To help facilitate public comment on the plan, a new plan brochure has been prepared that summarizes the information available on the website.

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FOR FY 2007-2012**

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 by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on October 28, 1993 require that "the metropolitan transportation planning process shall include development of a transportation improvement program (TIP) for the metropolitan planning area by the MPO in cooperation with the State and transit operators."; and

WHEREAS, the TIP is required by FHWA and FTA as a basis and condition for all federal funding assistance to state, local and regional agencies for transportation improvements within the Washington planning area; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2005, the TPB approved the FY 2006-2011 TIP; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2005, the TPB issued a solicitation document for projects and strategies to be included in the Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (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, April, May, June, July, September and October; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2007-2012 TIP includes projects which are consistent with the 2006 CLRP as approved by the TPB on October 18, 2006; and are selected in accordance with the final planning regulations; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2007-2012 TIP has been developed to meet the financial requirements in the Joint Planning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, during the development of the FY 2007-2012 TIP, 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 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 web-based information 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 site 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 U.S. Department of Transportation issued regulations in 1991 on providing transit services to persons with disabilities to conform to the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and by January 1997, both the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and Frederick County ADA Paratransit services were operating as planned in conformance with the regulations; and

WHEREAS, the TPB has determined that the FY 2007-2012 TIP conforms with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and

WHEREAS, the TPB Technical Committee has recommended favorable action on the FY 2007-2012 TIP by the Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD approves the Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2007-2012.