

ITEM 10 - Action
October 21, 2009

Approval of an Amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to include the Transportation Components Associated with the "Return to L'Enfant" Development Over I-395

Staff

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution R9-2010 approving the amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to include the transportation components associated with the "Return to L'Enfant" Development Over I-395.

Issues: None

Background: At the September 16 meeting, the Board was briefed on the draft amendment to the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP to include the Purple Line Light Rail Project and the transportation components associated with the "Return to L'Enfant" Development Over I-395 and the associated conformity analysis.

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FY 2010-2015 TO INCLUDE
THE TRANSPORTATION COMPONENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 'RETURN TO
L'ENFANT" DEVELOPMENT OF I-395**

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 Federal Planning Regulations of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) implementing SAFETEA-LU, which became effective July 14, 2007, specify the development and content of the long range transportation plan and require that it be reviewed and updated at least every four years; 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 July 15, 2009, the TPB approved the 2009 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and FY 2010-2015 TIP, which were developed as specified in the Federal Planning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the transportation component inputs associated with the "Return to L'Enfant" development over I-395 and air quality conformity scope of work were released for public comment on May 14, 2009, and were approved by the TPB at its June 17, 2009 meeting; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2009, the draft air quality conformity determination results for this amendment to the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP and additional web-based information were released for a 30-day public comment period and inter-agency review; and

WHEREAS, during the development of this amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP, the TPB Participation Plan was followed, and opportunities were provided for public comment: (1) At the May 14, 2009 TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting, the project submissions for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis of this amendment to the 2009 CLRP and the FY 2010-2015 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 June and July TPB meetings; (2) At the June 17 meeting, the TPB approved a set of responses to the public

comments on the project submissions for inclusion in the amendment to the CLRP and TIP documents; (3) At the September 10, 2009 CAC meeting the draft amendment to the 2009 CLRP, the draft FY 2010-2015 TIP and web-based information on the amendment were released for a 30-day public comment period which closed on October 11, 2009, and no public comments were received; (4) An opportunity for public comment on these documents was provided on the TPB web page and at the beginning of the October 21 TPB meeting; and (5) The final version of the TIP will include summaries of all comments and responses; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2009, the TPB determined that the amendment to the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP to include the Purple Line Light Rail project and the transportation component associated with the "Return to L'Enfant" development over I-395 conforms with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD approves the amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2010-2015 to include the private sector funding for the transportation component associated with the "Return to L'Enfant" development over I-395 as described in the attached materials.

