

TPB R3-2010
July 15, 2009

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING
THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FY 2010-2015**

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 November 19, 2008, the TPB approved the 2008 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and FY 2009-2014 TIP which were developed as specified in the Federal Planning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2008, the TPB issued a solicitation document for projects and strategies to be included in the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP that will meet federal planning requirements and address the federal planning factors and goals in the TPB Vision; and

WHEREAS, the transportation implementing agencies in the region provided submissions for the 2009 CLRP and inputs to the FY 2010-2015 TIP, and the TPB Technical Committee and the TPB reviewed the submissions at meetings in January, February and March 2009; and

WHEREAS, on February 18 and March 18, 2009, the TPB approved the major projects submitted for inclusion in the air quality conformity assessment for the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2009, the draft 2009 CLRP, the FY 2010-2015 TIP, and conformity assessment were released for a 30-day public comment period and inter-agency review at the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2010-2015 TIP projects are consistent with the 2009 CLRP as approved by the TPB on July 15, 2009; and are selected in accordance with the Federal Planning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2010-2015 TIP has been developed to meet the financial requirements in the Federal Planning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2009, the TPB determined that the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP conform with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; 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 during the development of the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP, the TPB Participation Plan was followed, and numerous opportunities were provided for public comment: (1) At the January 15, 2009 TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting, the project submissions for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis of 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 January, February and March TPB meetings; (2) At the February 18 and March 18 meetings, 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 11, 2009 in conjunction with the CAC meeting, a public meeting was held on the draft FY 2010-2015 TIP and the draft air quality conformity analysis, and the draft 2009 CLRP, the draft FY 2010-2015 TIP and web-based information on the plan were released for a 30-day public comment period which closed on July 11, 2009; (4) An opportunity for public comment on these documents was provided on the TPB web page and at the beginning of the July 15 TPB meeting; and (5) the final version of the TIP will include summaries of all comments and responses; and

WHEREAS, the TPB Technical Committee has recommended favorable action on the FY 2010-2015 TIP by the Board,

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2009, the TPB directed TPB staff to include in the FY 2010-2015 TIP and subsequent TIPs a separate analysis and description of bicycle and pedestrian projects with funding levels where possible; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2009, the TPB, as requested by the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) in the attached letter of July 8, 2009, included the following intercity passenger rail projects in the 2009 CLRP and FY 2010-2015 TIP:

- Union Station Escalator Replacements,
- Union Station Passenger Facility Enhancements,

- Union Station Access Enhancements, and
- A Study of the structural integrity and capacity of the Long Bridge over the Potomac River;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD approves the enclosed Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2010-2015.

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on July 15, 2009.