

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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Item # 6

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March 20, 2013

The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell
Governor
Commonwealth of Virginia

The Honorable William T. Bolling
Lieutenant Governor

The Honorable William J. Howell
Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates

The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr.
Majority Leader
Senate of Virginia

The Honorable Richard L. Saslaw
Minority Leader
Senate of Virginia

The Honorable M. Kirkland Cox
Majority Leader
Virginia House of Delegates

The Honorable David J. Toscano
Minority Leader
Virginia House of Delegates

Dear Governor McDonnell, Lieutenant Governor Bolling and Leaders of the Virginia General Assembly:

In a letter to you dated December 31, 2012 the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington region, expressed its support for your efforts to enact revenue increases for transportation. The letter provided background information underscoring the urgent need for additional revenues to ensure that the region's highway and transit systems are adequately maintained and have the capacity to support anticipated population and employment growth in the region. The letter also provided examples of approaches for raising transportation revenues that have been implemented in other states and localities throughout the country.

The TPB would like to take this opportunity to thank you for enacting a bill that employs reliable sources to significantly increase transportation revenues for present and future years. The bill will provide additional statewide revenues as well as revenues allocated to Northern Virginia to address major local and regional challenges. The TPB recognizes that extensive negotiation and

compromise were needed in crafting this bill, and greatly appreciates your leadership and dedication in reaching a successful outcome.

Please feel free to contact me at Scott.York@loudoun.gov or Ronald Kirby, staff director to the TPB, at rkirby@mwkog.org, if there is any additional information or support that the TPB can provide in the implementation of this important and much needed new legislation.

Sincerely,

Scott K. York
Chairman
National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board