

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

RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIBER COMMUNICATION NETWORK ON FREEWAYS AND THE I-395 SIGN STRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS, AS REQUESTED BY THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DDOT)

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 Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the TIP is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (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 March 18, 2020 the TPB adopted the FY 2021-2024 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of July 1, 2020, DDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2021-2024 TIP to include the **Construction of Fiber Communication Network on Freeways project (TIP ID 6503)**, with \$873,000 in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and local matching funds for construction in FY 2020; and the **I-395 Sign Structure Improvements project (TIP ID 6505)** with \$734,000 in HSIP and local matching funds in FY 2020 for construction, as described in the attached materials:

WHEREAS, full funding for these projects is included in the Visualize 2045 financial analysis; and

WHEREAS, these projects are exempt from the air quality conformity requirement, as defined in Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Regulations as of April 2012

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2021-2024 TIP to include the **Construction of Fiber Communication Network on Freeways project (TIP ID 6503)**, with \$873,000 in HSIP and local matching funds for construction in FY 2020; and the **I-395 Sign Structure Improvements project (TIP ID 6505)** with \$734,000 in HSIP and local matching funds in FY 2020 for construction, as described in the attached materials.

Amendment approved by the TPB Steering Committee at its virtual meeting July 10, 2020.