

ITEM 9 – Action
October 17, 2018

Approval of Visualize 2045

Staff Recommendation: Adopt Resolution R5-2019 approving Visualize 2045.

Issues: None

Background: Visualize 2045 was released for a 30-day public comment period on September 7.

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VISUALIZE 2045 LONG-RANGE
TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

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 Federal Planning Regulations of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) implementing the FAST Act, which became effective June 27, 2016, 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, on October 15, 2014, the TPB approved the 2014 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP), and amended the CLRP on November 16, 2016, and the plans were developed as specified in the Federal Planning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2016, the TPB approved the FY 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which was developed as specified in the Federal Planning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the TPB has developed a new long-range transportation plan, which is the quadrennial update to the 2014 CLRP, called "Visualize 2045," that meets federal planning requirements, addresses the federal planning factors and goals in the TPB Vision and the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan, and includes a new "Aspirational Element" as specified by TPB Resolution R8-2018; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2017, the TPB issued a Technical Inputs Solicitation Submission Guide, which is a formal call for area transportation implementing agencies to submit technical details, including those necessary to perform the required air quality and financial analyses of the Visualize 2045 Constrained Element, for projects, programs, and policies to be included in Visualize 2045 and the FY 2019-2024 TIP; and

WHEREAS, the transportation implementing agencies in the region provided project submissions for Visualize 2045 and the FY 2019-2024 TIP, and the TPB Technical Committee and the TPB reviewed the project submissions at meetings in December 2017 and January 2018; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2018 the TPB approved the regionally significant projects submitted for inclusion in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of Visualize 2045 and the FY 2019-2024 TIP; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2018 the draft Visualize 2045, the FY 2019-2024 TIP and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis were released for a 30-day public comment period and inter-agency review; and

WHEREAS, all plan elements are succinctly described in one Visualize 2045 plan document, with supplemental information provided in a series of appendices, and all this information is found and will continue to be found in one place on the TPB's website at Visualize2045.org; and

WHEREAS, a financial plan was developed and included for Visualize 2045 which can be found in *Appendix A: Financial Plan of Visualize 2045*, that demonstrates that the forecast revenues reasonably expected to be available are equal to the estimated costs of expanding and adequately maintaining and operating the highway and transit system in the region through 2045; and

WHEREAS, through recent legislative actions, the region can demonstrate that it can fully fund the largest transit provider's (Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)) operational and state of good repair needs through 2045; and

WHEREAS, during the development of Visualize 2045, the FY 2019-2024 TIP, the Air Quality Conformity Analysis, the TPB Participation Plan was followed, and numerous opportunities were provided for public comment: (1) multiple outreach activities were conducted to hear from residents about their attitudes and ideas about transportation in the region, including a survey conducted in the Summer of 2017 and twelve deliberative forums conducted in the Spring of 2018; (2) at the December 14, 2017 TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting, the project submissions for inclusion in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis 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 TPB meeting; (3) at the January 17, 2018 meeting, the TPB accepted a set of public comments and responses on the on the project submissions for inclusion in the Visualize 2045 and TIP documents; (4) on July 12, 2018, a Public Forum was held on the development of the FY 2019-2024 TIP; (5) on September 7, 2018, the draft Visualize 2045, the draft FY 2019-2024 TIP, and the draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis were released for a 30-day public comment period which closed on October 7, 2018; (6) on September 12, 13 and 17, three open houses were conducted to share information about the contents of Visualize 2045; (7) on September 13, 2018, Visualize 2045 was presented to the TPB's Access for All Advisory Committee for their consideration and comment; (8) an opportunity for public comment on these documents was provided on the TPB website and at the beginning of the September and October TPB meetings; and (9) the documentation of Visualize 2045, the FY 2019-2024 TIP, the Air Quality Conformity Analysis will include summaries of all comments and responses; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2018, the TPB received a briefing on the entire Visualize 2045 document showing how the plan meets federal planning requirements, addresses the federal planning factors and goals in the TPB Vision and the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan, and includes a new “Aspirational Element” as specified by TPB Resolution R8-2018; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2018 the TPB Technical Committee passed Resolution TR1-2019 recommending favorable action on Visualize 2045 by the Board; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2018, the TPB passed Resolution R4-2019, determining that Visualize 2045 and the FY 2019-2024 TIP conform with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board approves Visualize 2045, the long-range transportation plan for the National Capital Region.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Lyn Erickson, Plan Development and Coordination Program Director
SUBJECT: Visualize 2045: Draft Documents for Review
DATE: October 11, 2018

On October 17, 2018, the TPB is scheduled to approve Visualize 2045, the new long-range transportation plan for our region. A printed draft of the document was made available for public comment on September 7 and was distributed at the board meeting on September 21. Since that draft was produced, staff have made some technical corrections in the document. In addition, the performance analysis, which was released in a PowerPoint format in October, has been inserted in the final draft text.

The final draft document for the plan, along with appendices, has been posted for the review on the “Documents” page of the plan’s website at visualize2045.org. A print version of the final draft document is available upon request. A limited number of printed copies of the latest draft, along with the appendices, will be made available at the TPB meeting on October 17. The final printed version will be distributed at the November 16 TPB meeting.