

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FY 2017
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM SET ASIDE IN
NORTHERN VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington Region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing American's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, under the FAST Act's Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Set Aside (STP Set Aside) of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), a portion of funding based on the relative share of the total State population is sub-allocated to large urbanized areas and the MPO is required "to develop a competitive process to allow eligible entities to submit projects for funding ... in consultation with the relevant State"; and

WHEREAS, the STP Set Aside provides funding for transportation programs and projects defined as eligible per Section 1109 of the FAST Act; and

WHEREAS, the STP Set Aside offers an opportunity to fund projects that implement regional priorities and complement planning activities such as the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan, which promotes improved non-motorized circulation within Regional Activity Centers and improved pedestrian and bicycle access to transit; and

WHEREAS, the STP Set Aside is a complementary component of the TPB's Transportation/Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program, which provides technical assistance for small planning studies to TPB member jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, a solicitation for STP Set Aside projects was conducted by the Virginia Department of Transportation from August 1 through November 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the TPB's STP Set Aside Review Panel met on March 25, 2016 and recommended fully or partially funding eight of the applications received based on project readiness and eligibility and each project's ability to meet the regional selection criteria; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2016, the TPB Technical Committee was briefed on the recommended projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD approves the projects for funding under the STP Set Aside for FY 2017 in Northern Virginia as described in the attached materials.

Approved by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on April 20, 2016