

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
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RESOLUTION APPROVING
THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN 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 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the TPB's *Transportation Vision for the 21st Century*, adopted in 1998 calls for:

- Convenient bicycle and pedestrian access
- Making the region's transportation facilities safer, more accessible and less intimidating for pedestrians, bicyclists, and persons with special needs
- Improved internal mobility with reduced reliance on the automobile within the regional core and within regional activity centers
- Increased transit, ridesharing, bicycling and walking mode shares
- Implementing a regional bicycle/trail/pedestrian plan and including bicycle and pedestrian facilities in new transportation projects and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the TPB 2001 reports: *Priorities 2000: Metropolitan Washington Greenways, and Priorities 2000: Metropolitan Washington Circulation Systems*, identified regional and local priority pedestrian, bicycle, and transit projects to support two key components of the TPB vision: improving circulation within the regional core and regional activity centers, and integrating greenspace into a regional greenways system; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the TPB adopted an update to the 1991 Bicycle Plan for the National Capital Region as an amendment to the Financially Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP); and

WHEREAS, the draft bicycle and pedestrian plan identifies the capital improvements, studies, actions, and strategies the region proposes to carry out by 2030 for major bicycle and pedestrian facilities; and

WHEREAS, the draft bicycle and pedestrian plan, which includes both funded and unfunded projects, is advisory to the CLRP and a resource for planners and interested members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the TPB Technical Committee, which includes bicycle and pedestrian planners from the TPB state and local jurisdictions and representatives of bicycle user and pedestrian organizations, has overseen the development of the draft bicycle and pedestrian plan, which utilizes an on-line project database to facilitate keeping the regional project list accurate and up-to-date; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of bicycle and pedestrian projects in the plan will be monitored and the plan will be updated annually, and

WHEREAS, at the May 17 and July 19 meetings, the Board was briefed on the draft *Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the National Capital Region*, which was released for public comment on June 15; and

WHEREAS, at the July 7, 2006 meeting, the TPB Technical Committee recommended favorable action on the *Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the National Capital Region*,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD approves the *Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the National Capital Region*.

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on July 19, 2006.