

TPB R6-2024  
February 21, 2024

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

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TPB BYLAWS  
TO ADJUST THE TPB'S PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY AND  
REMOVE FAUQUIER COUNTY AS A TPB MEMBER**

**WHEREAS**, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), as the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, reauthorized November 15, 2021 when the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law, for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

**WHEREAS**, per 23 CFR 450.312, the metropolitan planning area (MPA) boundaries shall be reviewed after each census; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB is governed by its Bylaws which, as last amended on September 21, 2022, provide for the operation and framework for the TPB while defining its Planning Area; Membership and Terms; Functions; Relationship with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments; Time and Place of Meeting; Officers; Quorum and Voting Procedures; Committees; Staff; Public Participation and Process for the Amendments of Bylaws; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB Bylaws state that "*changes in jurisdictional membership (but not individual appointments of the jurisdictions) shall be based on changes to the urbanized area boundaries and the planning area of the TPB, consistent with federal MPO regulations;*" and

**WHEREAS**, in November and December 2023, TPB staff met with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to review the results of the US DOT review and approval of all of the urban area boundaries resulting from the 2020 Census; and

**WHEREAS**, the only change in urban area boundary is located in Virginia, where the updated urban area boundary included in the US DOT approval no longer finds Fauquier County and the Town of Warrenton contiguous to Prince William County and thus they are no longer part of the Washington DC-VA-MD urban area; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 16, 2014, based on the results of the previous 2010 Census, a portion of Fauquier County, Virginia, including the Town of Warrenton had been designated as part of the Washington DC-MD-VA urbanized area and the MPA, and membership for the TPB had to be expanded to include the newly added jurisdiction (Fauquier County); and

**WHEREAS**, due to the change in urban area boundary resulting from the current 2020 Census, Fauquier County is no longer required to be a member of the TPB and part of the TPB's planning process, and on July 27, 2023, Fauquier County officially informed TPB of its decision to discontinue its membership in the TPB; and

**WHEREAS**, VDOT has coordinated with the Virginia member jurisdictions of the TPB about their support for Fauquier County's request to be dropped from the TPB, and on January 30, 2024, the Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth of Virginia formally requested TPB to take the appropriate steps to update the planning area boundary and remove Fauquier County as a member of the TPB; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB Technical Committee reviewed the proposal at its January 5, 2024 and February 2, 2024 meetings, and the TPB was given notice of this proposed change to its membership and planning area boundary at its January 17, 2024 meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board:

- Approves the Amended TPB Bylaws, as attached;
- Approves the adjusted Planning Area Boundary (TPB Bylaws Figure 1); and
- Removes Fauquier County as a TPB member.

**Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on February 21, 2024**