

**ITEM 11 - Action**  
December 20, 2006

Approval of Amendment to the FY 2007-2012 TIP that is exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to fund the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Programs

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** Adopt Resolution R12-2007 to approve an amendment to the FY 2007-2012 TIP that is exempt from the air quality conformity requirement to include federal funding for the JARC and New Freedom programs.

**Issues:** None

**Background:** In August the TPB was designated by the DC Mayor, the MD Governor, and the VA Governor as the recipient to administer the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom programs for the Washington DC-MD-VA Urbanized Area. The federal funding for the JARC and New Freedom programs must be included in the FY 2007-2012 TIP.

The TPB Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force is currently developing a coordinated plan for the region from which specific projects for these programs must be derived. Projects will be selected by the TPB

through a competitive selection process,  
which is currently under development.

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

**RESOLUTION ON AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007-2012 TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY  
CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO FUND THE JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE  
COMMUTE (JARC) AND NEW FREEDOM PROGRAMS**

**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 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**, on October 18, 2006 the TPB adopted the 2006 CLRP and the FY 2007-2012 TIP; and

**WHEREAS**, under SAFETEA-LU projects funded by three Federal Transit Administration (FTA) human services transportation programs: Elderly and Persons with Disabilities (Section 5310), Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) (Section 5316), and New Freedom (Section 5317) must be derived from a human service transportation coordinated plan for the region, and JARC and New Freedom projects must be selected on a competitive basis; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 2006 the TPB established the Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force to oversee the development of the human service transportation coordinated plan for the region and a competitive selection process that will identify specific projects for JARC and New Freedom funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the JARC program provides capital and operating funding for services that improve access to jobs for low-income persons; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Freedom program provides capital and operating funding for transit and paratransit services and improvements for persons with disabilities that go beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 2006 the TPB was designated by the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Governor of Maryland, and the Governor of Virginia as the recipient to administer the JARC and New Freedom programs; and

**WHEREAS**, federal funding for the JARC and New Freedom programs must be included in the FY 2007-2012 TIP; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force is currently developing a coordinated plan for the region and the framework for the competitive selection process; and

**WHEREAS**, projects funded by these programs are exempt from the air quality conformity requirement, as defined as defined in Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations "40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments: Flexibility and Streamlining; Final Rule," issued in the May 6, 2005, *Federal Register*;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD amends the FY 2007-2012 TIP to include the JARC and New Freedom programs as shown in the attached materials.

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
COSTS (in \$1,000s)**

	FY 05	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12	Source Fed/St/Loc	Source Total	Environ. Review
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**Human Services Transportation**

1 Title: Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program Agency Project ID:

Facility: From: To: Jurisdiction: Regionwide			2,384	2,384	2,384	2,384			Section 5316 50 / / 50	9,536	N/A
<b>Total Funds:</b>										<b>\$9,536</b>	

Description: The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board has been designated as the recipient for FTA funding for the JARC Program. This program funds capital improvements and/or operating services that improve access to jobs for low-income individuals. Projects under this program will be derived from the TPB's Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan.

\*Each fiscal year amount includes the federal funding from the previous federal fiscal year.

2 Title: New Freedom Program Agency Project ID:

Facility: From: To: Jurisdiction: Region-wide			2,036	2,036	2,036	2,036			Section 5317 50 / / 50	8,144	
<b>Total Funds:</b>										<b>\$8,144</b>	

Description: The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board has been designated as the recipient for FTA funding for the New Freedom Program. This program provides funds for capital improvements and/or operating services to enhance transportation options for persons with disabilities beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Projects under this program will be derived from the TPB's Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan.

\*Each fiscal year amount includes the federal funding from the previous federal fiscal year.