

ITEM 10 - Action

July 16, 2014

Approval of Fauquier County, Virginia to Become a Member of the TPB

Staff Recommendation: Adopt Resolution R2-2015 to approve Fauquier County membership in the TPB.

Issues: None

Background The 2010 Census extended the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area into a portion of Fauquier County, including the Town of Warrenton. Federal planning regulations require that this portion with a population of about 21,000 be included in the metropolitan planning area and that representatives of the area be included in the TPB's transportation planning and programming process. Fauquier County has accepted the TPB's April invitation to become a member and represent the interests of its citizens in the regional transportation planning process.

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
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Washington, D.C. 20002

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA MEMBERSHIP IN
THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD**

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), as the metropolitan planning organization for the Washington Metropolitan area, has the responsibility under the provisions of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the TPB is responsible for the federally prescribed transportation planning process for the metropolitan planning area (MPA) determined as per 23 CFR 450.312(a) and related sections and comprises of the Washington DC-VA-MD urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, based on the results of the 2010 Census, a portion of Fauquier County, Virginia, including the Town of Warrenton and areas adjacent to Route 29 northeast of Warrenton has been designated as part of the Washington DC-MD-VA urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the MPA for the TPB had to be expanded, as per 23 CFR 450.312(a) and related sections to include the newly added jurisdictions (portions of Fauquier County and the Town of Warrenton); and

WHEREAS, this would mean that transportation projects in this portion of the County and the Town must be included in the Constrained Long-Range Plan and the six-year Transportation Improvement Program prepared by the TPB to receive federal funding and the interest of residents of this portion of the County and the Town must be represented in the TPB's transportation planning and programming process; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2014, TPB staff and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) staff met with officials from Fauquier County and Town of Warrenton to discuss these federally required planning and programming process and answered questions about the considerations and responsibilities that accompany membership in TPB; and

WHEREAS, at the April 16, 2014 meeting, the TPB approved sending a letter inviting Fauquier County to become a voting member of the TPB and represent the citizens' interests and participating in the metropolitan transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the MPA boundary was reviewed by Fauquier County, TPB staff and VDOT staff and it is proposed to be expanded (to include selected contiguous areas not

currently urbanized) pending approval of the Commonwealth's Secretary of Transportation, as shown on the attached map entitled "Areas for Inclusion in the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's Urbanized Area", including the entire Town of Warrenton and the Route 29/15 corridor south from the Town of Warrenton to the intersection of Routes 29/15/17 and Routes 29/15/17 BUS; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2014, TPB staff and VDOT staff briefed the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors on joining the TPB; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2014, the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors in the attached resolution authorized the County to join the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board and participate in the region's transportation planning process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board approves Fauquier County, Virginia becoming a voting member with the right to fully participate in all TPB work program activities.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD AND PARTICIPATE IN THE
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS

WHEREAS, the 2010 Census designated the Town of Warrenton, portions of the adjoining service districts and areas adjacent to Route 29 northeast of Warrenton as an urban cluster; and

WHEREAS, the Washington DC-VA-MD urbanized area was recently expanded to include the urban cluster portions of Fauquier County; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) implements the transportation planning process for the region comprised of the Washington DC-VA-MD urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, Federal law mandates that transportation projects be included in the Constrained Long-Range Plan and the six-year Transportation Improvement Program prepared by the TPB to receive federal funding; and

WHEREAS, Federal law also mandates that the interests of residents in the planning region be represented in the transportation planning and programming process; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board invited Fauquier County to become a voting member of the TPB, representing the citizens' interests and participating in the regional transportation planning process; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors this 12th day of June 2014, That the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the County join the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board and participate in the region's transportation planning process; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Board does hereby designate the area for inclusion as shown on the attached map entitled "Areas for Inclusion in the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's Urbanized Area", including the entire Town of Warrenton and the Route 29/15 corridor south from the Town of Warrenton to the intersection of Routes 29/15/17 and Routes 29/15/17 BUS; and be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the County Administrator and County Attorney are hereby authorized to execute any requirements associated with membership in the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board.

Area for Inclusion in the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's Urbanized Area

The urbanized area boundary, designated by the 2010 Census, has been expanded to include the entire Town of Warrenton and the Route 29/15 corridor from the Town of Warrenton to the intersection of Routes 29/15/17 and Routes 29/15/17 BUS.

