

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 North Capitol Street, NE
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A FEDERAL HIGHWAY
ADMINISTRATION GRANT APPLICATION AND MATCHING FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) has played a leadership role in recent years in conducting analysis of value pricing and encouraging discussion of pricing options, including the completion in February 2008 of a study of a regional network of value priced (VP) highway lanes, which was conducted with a 2006 grant from the Federal Highway Administration's Value Pricing Pilot (VPP) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on August 5, 2009 issued a Request for Proposals that invited States, along with their local government partners and other public authorities, to apply to participate in the VPP grant program for fiscal years 2009 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, staff from the FHWA in September 2009 invited the TPB to submit a grant proposal under the VPP grant program in partnership with the Brookings Institution, which in June 2009 published a report titled "Road-use Pricing: How Would You Like to Spend Less Time in Traffic?"; and

WHEREAS, distance-based road pricing has become more technologically feasible in recent years, but questions of public acceptability remain largely unanswered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Virginia Department of Transportation, for the purposes of conducting a study under the FHWA's Value Pricing Pilot Program on the public acceptability of road pricing. The project budget is not to exceed \$400,000 (\$320,000 federal, \$80,000 local). COG will provide a match of \$80,000, which is an amount previously authorized by COG for a grant application in October of 2008 to the FHWA Value Pricing Pilot that was not funded. For this match, \$50,000 will be provided through funds previously authorized in COG Resolution R62-08 for the FY2010 work program and budget, and \$30,000 will be provided from the proposed FY2011 work program and budget.