

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TO COMMIT LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR
A REGIONAL VALUE PRICING STUDY IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS, the FY 2006 Work Program and Budget was adopted by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) membership at its annual general membership meeting on December 8, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2007 Work Program and Budget was adopted by COG membership at its annual general membership meeting on December 14, 2005; and

WHEREAS, in March 2005 the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) with the support of the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT), the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requested VDOT to submit a grant proposal for \$300,000 to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for a regional value pricing study in Metropolitan Washington to be conducted by the TPB; and

WHEREAS, the regional value pricing study will evaluate the potential performance of a regional network of variably-priced lanes, including High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes and express toll lanes on both new and existing general purpose and HOV lanes and current Potomac River Crossings; and

WHEREAS, in March 2005 VDOT submitted a grant proposal for \$300,000 to the FHWA for a regional value pricing study in Metropolitan Washington to be conducted by the TPB; and

WHEREAS, in January 2006 VDOT received a grant from FHWA for this study, which includes \$240,000 in federal funds (80 percent) and requires \$60,000 in local matching funds (20 percent) for a total project budget of \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, the matching fund requirement can be accommodated by committing \$20,000 in FY 2006 COG local funds included in the FY 2006 COG Budget for transportation planning that will otherwise not be obligated in FY 2006, and by committing \$40,000 in FY 2007 COG local funds included in the FY 2007 COG Budget for transportation planning.

**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 expend COG local funds in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 (\$20,000 in FY 2006 funds and \$40,000 in FY 2007 funds) for the purpose of providing the 20 percent local match required to conduct a regional value pricing study in Metropolitan Washington, and to execute a contract with VDOT for the regional value pricing study to be conducted by TPB.