

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO APPLY FOR AND ADMINISTER FUNDING FOR A
REGIONAL BIKE-SHARING PROJECT FROM THE HEALTHY EATING ACTIVE LIVING (HEAL)
GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY KAISER PERMANENTE**

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) of 2005 for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Washington Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the TPB adopted Resolution R25-2010, on June 16, 2010, approving the submission of a National Capital Region Regional Bike-sharing application for funding under the TIGER II competitive grant program; and

WHEREAS, the COG Board adopted Resolution R42-10 on July 14, 2010 authorizing the Executive Director to apply for and administer grant funding from USDOT's TIGER II Competitive Grant Program for a Regional Bike-Sharing project in an amount no less than \$10,000,000 and not to exceed \$25,000,000 in accordance with provisions of the grant program; and

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2010, TPB staff submitted the Regional Bike-sharing application for \$12.1 million for a Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) II competitive grant as administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Kaiser Permanente invited TPB staff on September 27, 2010 to submit a grant for its noncompetitive Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL) grant program by the deadline of October 8, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Kaiser Permanente's HEAL grants aim to address obesity and chronic conditions related to poor nutrition and low physical activity through initiatives that improve access to healthy foods and support active living. A key component of these initiatives is to engage local communities to foster sustainable improvements through policy, environmental and organizational practice change where people live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, the TPB will be the lead applicant in the grant application and COG/TPB will be the direct recipient of up to \$500,000 per year for four years, or \$2 million total, for a regional bicycle sharing program, and pass the grant money to local jurisdictions for bike-sharing capital projects based on a yearly project solicitation process; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments is the administrative agent of the TPB, and the COG Board authorizes the executive director to apply for and administer grant funding on behalf of the TPB; and

WHEREAS, applying for a HEAL grant represents a significant regional funding opportunity to advance the regional bike-sharing system proposed in the TIGER II application.

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 apply for and administer grant funding from Kaiser Permanente's HEAL Grant Program for a Regional Bike-Sharing project in an amount no greater than \$2,000,000 over four years. No COG matching funds are required.

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Nicole Hange, Board Clerk