

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD

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**DRAFT RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE CONCEPT OF THE FORMATION OF A
VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS (VAMPO)**

WHEREAS, The Virginia General Assembly called for the formation of an association of Virginia's Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in HJR 756; and,

WHEREAS, HJR 756 requested that the Secretary of Transportation assist the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions and the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board with the determination of the scope of Virginia Association of MPOs activities and responsibilities best suited to the professional needs of the Commonwealth of Virginia or adopt other measures to enhance the effectiveness, professionalism and confidence of the State's MPO organizations; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board is distinct from the other MPOs in the Commonwealth because of its multi-state jurisdiction; and,

Whereas, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), which was established by the Virginia General Assembly in 2002, has regional transportation planning responsibilities for the Northern Virginia area; and,

WHEREAS, the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions has empanelled an ad hoc committee to develop a recommended organization structure for a Virginia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (VAMPO); and,

WHEREAS, the formation of VAMPO will allow Virginia's MPOs to: 1) More effectively cooperate with state transportation agencies, 2) More effectively exchange best practices and other useful information, and 3) Recommend legislation or other policies that will allow MPOs to be more effective and efficient with the resources they have;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board:

- endorses the concept of the formation of a Virginia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (VAMPO); and,
- encourages the VAPDC to complete its organizational recommendations for VAMPO and report back to Virginia's MPOs once the recommendations are completed; and,
- Anticipates that the TPB will be represented in VAMPO by TPB member agencies in Northern Virginia working in collaboration with the NVTA.