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**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD  
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002**

**RESOLUTION ON AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007-2012 TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY  
CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO FUND THE JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE  
COMMUTE (JARC) AND NEW FREEDOM PROGRAMS**

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

**WHEREAS**, on October 18, 2006 the TPB adopted the 2006 CLRP and the FY 2007-2012 TIP; and

**WHEREAS**, under SAFETEA-LU projects funded by three Federal Transit Administration (FTA) human services transportation programs: Elderly and Persons with Disabilities (Section 5310), Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) (Section 5316), and New Freedom (Section 5317) must be derived from a human service transportation coordinated plan for the region, and JARC and New Freedom projects must be selected on a competitive basis; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 2006 the TPB established the Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force to oversee the development of the human service transportation coordinated plan for the region and a competitive selection process that will identify specific projects for JARC and New Freedom funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the JARC program provides capital and operating funding for services that improve access to jobs for low-income persons; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Freedom program provides capital and operating funding for transit and paratransit services and improvements for persons with disabilities that go beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 2006 the TPB was designated by the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Governor of Maryland, and the Governor of Virginia as the recipient to administer the JARC and New Freedom programs; and

**WHEREAS**, federal funding for the JARC and New Freedom programs must be included in the FY 2007-2012 TIP; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force is currently developing a coordinated plan for the region and the framework for the competitive selection process; and

**WHEREAS**, projects funded by these programs are exempt from the air quality conformity requirement, as defined as defined in Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations "40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments: Flexibility and Streamlining; Final Rule," issued in the May 6, 2005, *Federal Register*;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD amends the FY 2007-2012 TIP to include the JARC and New Freedom programs as shown in the attached materials.

**Adopted by the TPB at its regular meeting on December 20, 2006.**