

ITEM 11 - Action

January 16, 2008

Approval of the FY 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Staff

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution R12-2008 to approve the FY 2008-2013 TIP.

Issues: None

Background: At the December 19 meeting, the Board was briefed on the draft 2007 CLRP and FY 2008-2013 TIP documents and web-based information and the associated conformity analysis. The draft FY 2008-2013 TIP was released for public comment at the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on December 13, 2007. The public comment period for the TIP ended on January 12, 2008.

The 2007 CLRP and FY 2008-2013 TIP meet all the SAFETEA-LU planning regulations which became effective in July 2007. The website at www.mwcog.org/clrp provides information on the proposed significant changes to the CLRP, existing projects in the 2006 CLRP, and the draft FY 2008-2013 TIP.

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FOR FY 2008-2012**

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 Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Planning Regulations implementing SAFETEA-LU, which were issued February 14, 2007 by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), specify the development and content of the transportation improvement program (TIP) and require that it be reviewed and updated at least every four years; and

WHEREAS, the TIP is required by FHWA and FTA as a basis and condition for all federal funding assistance to state, local and regional agencies for transportation improvements within the Washington planning area; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2006, the TPB approved the first update to the Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and FY 2007-2012 TIP which addressed the provisions of SAFETEA-LU; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2006, the TPB issued a solicitation document for projects and strategies to be included in the CLRP and TIP that will meet federal planning requirements and address the federal planning factors and goals in the TPB Vision; and

WHEREAS, the transportation implementing agencies in the region provided submissions for the 2007 CLRP and inputs to the FY 2008-2013 TIP, and the TPB Technical Committee and the TPB reviewed the submissions at meetings in March, April and May 2007; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2008-2013 TIP includes projects which are consistent with the 2007 CLRP as approved by the TPB on January 16, 2008; and are selected in accordance with the final planning regulations; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2008-2013 TIP has been developed to meet the financial requirements in the final planning regulations; and

WHEREAS, during the development of the 2007 CLRP the FY 2008-2013 TIP, the TPB public involvement process was followed, and numerous opportunities were provided for public comment: (1) At the March 15, 2007 TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting, the project submissions for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis of the 2007 CLRP and the FY 2008-2013 TIP and the air quality conformity work scope were released, and an opportunity for public comment on these submissions was provided at the beginning of the March 21, April 18 and May 16 TPB meetings; (2)At the May 16, 2007 meeting, the TPB approved a set of responses to the public comments on the project submissions for inclusion in the CLRP and TIP documents; (3)On October 11, 2007 in conjunction with the CAC meeting, a public meeting was held on the FY 2008-2013 TIP; (4)On December 13, 2007 at the CAC meeting, the draft air quality conformity analysis, the draft 2007 CLRP, the draft FY 2008-2013 TIP, a new plan brochure and a comprehensive set of web-based information on the plan were released for a 30-day public comment period which closed on January 12, 2008; (4)An opportunity for public comment on these documents was provided on the TPB web page and at the beginning of the December 19, 2007 and January 16, 2008 TPB meetings; and (5)The comments and staff responses to them were reviewed and accepted for inclusion in the CLRP and TIP by the TPB on January 16, 2008; and the final version of the TIP will include summaries of the comments and the responses; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued regulations in 1991 on providing transit services to persons with disabilities to conform to the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and by January 1997, both the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and Frederick County ADA Paratransit services were operating as planned in conformance with the regulations; and

WHEREAS, the TPB has determined that the FY 2008-2013 TIP conforms with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and

WHEREAS, the TPB Technical Committee has recommended favorable action on the FY 2008-2013 TIP by the Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD approves the Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2008-2013.