

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROJECTS IN MARYLAND FOR TRANSPORTATION  
ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM FUNDING UNDER THE SURFACE  
TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington Region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing American's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the FAST Act's Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside) Program, which is part of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), provides a portion of funding based on the relative share of the total State population sub-allocated to large urbanized areas, and the MPO is required "to develop a competitive process to allow eligible entities to submit projects for funding ... in consultation with the relevant State"; and

**WHEREAS**, the TA Set-Aside Program provides funding for transportation programs and projects defined as eligible per Section 1109 of the FAST Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT), the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) are responsible for determining the total federal funding amount allocated to the TPB, determining project eligibility, project implementation, and project oversight; and

**WHEREAS**, the TA Set-Aside Program provides an opportunity to fund projects that implement regional policies reflected in the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan, in the Equity Emphasis Areas, and in the seven initiatives endorsed by the TPB in December 2017 and January 2018, which include promoting Regional Activity Centers, improving pedestrian and bicycle access to transit, and completing the National Capital Trail; and

**WHEREAS**, the TA Set-Aside is a complementary component of the TPB's Transportation/Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program, which supports planning-related projects and events of TPB member jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, a solicitation for TA Set-Aside applications for FY 2021 was conducted by the Maryland Department of Transportation between April 15 and May 29, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB's TA Set-Aside Selection Panel met on July 7, 2020 and recommended funding two applications received based on project readiness and eligibility and each project's ability to meet the regional selection criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 10, 2020, the TPB Technical Committee was briefed on the recommended projects;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board approves the projects for funding under the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program for FY 2021 in Maryland, as described in the attached materials.

**Adopted by the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board on July 22, 2020**