

ITEM 9 - Action
January 15, 2014

Approval of the TPB Regional Transportation Priorities Plan
(RTPP)

Staff

Recommendation: Receive briefing on comments received and adopt Resolution R9-2014 to approve the TPB Regional Transportation Priorities Plan.

Issues: None

Background: The RTPP has been developed to identify regional strategies that offer the greatest potential contributions toward addressing regional challenges. [A revised draft RTPP was released for public comment on December 12.](#)

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
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**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES PLAN
(RTPP) FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

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 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) recommended that the TPB develop a “Regional Transportation Priorities Plan” that would serve as an unconstrained vision for transportation operations and investments in the region; and

WHEREAS, in May 2010 the TPB hosted an event called “Conversation on Setting Regional Transportation Priorities” to address the possibilities for more explicitly establishing regional priorities; and

WHEREAS, in June 2010 the TPB appointed the TPB Priorities Plan Scoping Task Force to determine the scope and process for developing a RTPP; and

WHEREAS, in July 2011 the TPB approved the scope and process developed by the TPB Priorities Plan Scoping Task Force which specified that the purpose of the RTPP would be to identify transportation strategies that could be recognized throughout the region as offering the greatest potential contributions to addressing continuing regional challenges, and to support efforts to incorporate those strategies into future updates of the Financially Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP); and

WHEREAS, the RTPP is the product of more than a decade of TPB planning activities, including the establishment of transportation planning goals in the *TPB Vision* and *Region Forward*, analysis of a range of transportation and land-use scenarios, adoption of the CLRP as a baseline, and analysis of the region’s transportation funding challenges; and

WHEREAS, the RTPP was designed to support and advance the comprehensive regional planning guidance provided by both the *TPB Vision* and *Region Forward*; and

WHEREAS, the transportation planning goals set forth by the *TPB Vision* provided a foundation for development of the RTPP, and the planning process used a mix of technical work, public outreach, and stakeholder feedback to identify both the regional transportation challenges standing in the way of achieving our regional goals and the top strategies to address those challenges; and

WHEREAS, from January - June 2012 public and stakeholder participation occurred, including listening sessions with regional stakeholders and citizen representatives and a deliberative forum with a selection of citizens chosen to be representative of the region, to determine the

best way to communicate the ideas and concepts that were to be included in future outreach on the RTPP; and

WHEREAS, from April - June 2013 an online survey was completed with a representative sample of 660 residents from throughout the region to determine how the regional challenges and strategies resonated with members of the general public; and

WHEREAS, the priorities and individual strategies identified in the RTPP are intended to provide broad regional policy guidance, and encourage local decision makers to consider regional priorities when making local decisions; and

WHEREAS, the RTPP identifies priorities that people from all parts of the region can support, and that local, state, and regional agencies can consider when developing projects that are incorporated in the CLRP; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2013 the first draft of the RTPP was released for a 30-day public comment period, and comments were incorporated into the second draft that was released on October 11, 2013 for another 30-day public comment period; and

WHEREAS, from November - December 2013, the RTPP was revised based on the comments received and from targeted outreach to key stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2013 the third draft of the RTPP was released for a 30-day public comment period that ended on January 11, 2014, and is being presented to the TPB for approval on January 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the TPB will be briefed on a summary of responses to comments received through January 11, 2014, and the recommended changes to be incorporated in the final version of the RTPP; and

WHEREAS, in order to raise awareness of the approved RTPP it is anticipated that informational briefings and other outreach activities to support understanding of the RTPP will be provided to TPB member jurisdictions and agencies as requested.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD:

- Approves the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan for the National Capital Region.
- Dedicates the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan to the memory of Ronald F. Kirby who worked tirelessly to develop the Plan and carry it forward.