

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

**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 should 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.

**Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on January 15, 2014.**