

TPB R20-2017
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NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

RESOLUTION ON INCLUSION IN AN OFF-CYCLE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS OF SUBMISSIONS FOR THE 2016 FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED LONG RANGE PLAN (CLRP) AMENDMENT AND THE FY 2017-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

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

WHEREAS, the Joint Planning Regulations issued February 14, 2007 by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) require that the long-range transportation plan be reviewed and updated at least every four years; and

WHEREAS, the transportation plan, program and projects must be assessed for air quality conformity as required by the conformity regulations originally published by the Environmental Protection Agency in the November 24, 1993 Federal Register and with latest amendments published in April 2012; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2016 the TPB adopted resolution R3-2017 determining that the 2016 CLRP Amendment and the FY 2017-2022 TIP conform with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and resolution R4-2016 approving the 2016 CLRP Amendment; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of March 2, 2017 the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requested that the CLRP be amended to include updated information pertaining to the Governor Harry W. Nice Bridge Replacement project; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of March 7, 2017 the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requested that the CLRP be amended to include updated information pertaining to the I-66 Corridor Improvements Outside the Beltway project and a new off-ramp from the I-95 Express Lanes to Russell Road near Marine Base Quantico; and

WHEREAS, amending these projects into the CLRP would require that a new air quality conformity analysis be performed "off-cycle," prior to the next scheduled update of the CLRP in 2018; and

WHEREAS, both MDOT and VDOT have agreed to pay for this off-cycle air quality conformity analysis out of their Technical Assistance portion of the FY 2017 and FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Programs; and

WHEREAS, the transportation implementing agencies in the region have submitted project descriptions and inputs for the Air Quality Conformity Analysis, which have been reviewed by the Technical Committee at its meeting on March 3 and April 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2017, the project submissions for the off-cycle CLRP Amendment were released for a 30-day public comment and interagency consultation period which ended April 8; and

WHEREAS, the TPB was briefed on the submissions to the 2016 CLRP Amendment at its March 29, 2017 meeting during the public comment and interagency consultation period and at the April 19, 2017 meeting, the TPB was briefed on the public comments received on the submissions for the off-cycle CLRP Amendment, and the responses provided to the public comments; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the off-cycle CLRP Amendment by the TPB is scheduled for the October 18, 2017 meeting upon completion of a 30-day public comment and interagency consultation on the results of the regional air quality conformity analysis for the off-cycle CLRP Amendment beginning on September 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the project submissions for the off-cycle CLRP Amendment have been developed to meet the financial constraint requirements in the Metropolitan Planning Rules and show the consistency of the proposed projects with already available and projected sources of transportation revenues; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board approves for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis of the off-cycle CLRP Amendment, the project submissions as described in the attached memorandum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that TPB staff will not include access points east of the Route 50 interchange under both options A & B in the air quality analysis until the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has a chance to meet and act on those points. If the Board of Supervisors moves to change any of the points from analysis, the TPB staff will do so.

Approved with amendments by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on April 19, 2017.