

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROJECTS FOR
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET ASIDE PROGRAM
FUNDING UNDER THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
FOR FY 2019 IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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 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 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 TA Set Aside Program provides an opportunity to fund projects that implement regional policies reflected in the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan 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 projects was conducted by the District of Columbia Department of Transportation from July 2, 2018 to August 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the TPB staff and representatives from partner agencies have reviewed the applications and, based on an assessment of project readiness and eligibility and support for the TPB’s regional selection criteria, staff has recommended providing full funding for all four of the applications received; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2018, 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 2019 in the District of Columbia as described in the attached materials.

Approved by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on October 17, 2018.