

ITEM 11 - Action
December 17, 2003

Approval of
the FY 2004-2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Staff

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution R7-2004 approving the FY 2004-2009 TIP.

Issues: If the air quality conformity determination under agenda item 9 is approved, the Board will be asked to approve the FY 2004-2009 TIP.

Background: At the October 15 meeting, the Board was briefed on the draft TIP. The CLRP information and TIP were also made available on the COG website at www.mwcog.org.

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**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS NATIONAL
CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FOR FY 2004-2009**

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 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) of 1998 for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the final planning regulations issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on October 28, 1993 require that "the metropolitan transportation planning process shall include development of a transportation improvement program (TIP) for the metropolitan planning area by the MPO in cooperation with the State and transit operators."; and

WHEREAS, the TIP is required by FHWA and FTA as a basis and condition for all federal funding assistance to state, local and regional agencies for transportation improvements within the Washington planning area; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2004-2009 TIP includes projects which are consistent with the 2003 update to the Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) for the National Capital Region as approved by the TPB on December 17, 2003; and are selected in accordance with the final planning regulations; and includes projects or identified phases of projects only if full funding can reasonably be anticipated to be available for their completion; and

WHEREAS, during the development of the TIP, the TPB public involvement process was followed, and numerous opportunities were provided for public comment: (1) At the April 10, 2003 TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting, the initial project submissions for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis of the 2003 update and the FY 2004-09 TIP and the air quality conformity work scope were released, and an opportunity for public comment on these submissions was provided at the beginning of the April 16 and May 21 TPB meetings; (2) At the May 21, 2003 meeting, the TPB approved a set of responses to the public comments on the project submissions; (3) At the July 16 and September 17 TPB meetings, the TPB made available the financial analysis results for the 2003 CLRP; (4) At

the October 15, 2003 TPB meeting, the air quality conformity analysis, the draft 2003 CLRP update, and the draft FY2004-09 TIP were released for a 30-day public comment period which closed on November 14; (5) The comments and staff responses to them were reviewed and accepted for inclusion in the TIP by the TPB on November 19, 2003, and the final version of the TIP includes summaries of the comments and the responses; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued regulations in 1991 on providing transit services to persons with disabilities to conform to the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and by January 1997, both the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and Frederick County ADA Paratransit services were operating as planned in conformance with the regulations; and

WHEREAS, FTA issued Circular 7008.1A in 2002, defining what transit financial information it will use to assess the financial capacity of grant applicants, and the FY 2004- 2009 TIP is financially realistic by year with identified available revenues for the transit improvements programmed, showing that the region has the financial capacity to operate and maintain an expanded transit system; and

WHEREAS, the TPB has determined that the FY 2004-2009 TIP conforms with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and

WHEREAS, the TPB Technical Committee has recommended favorable action on the FY 2004-2009 TIP by the Board,

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

- ! approves the Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2004-2009 dated November 19, 2003 and
- ! certifies that this TIP complies with the FTA requirements for assessing transit financial capacity.