

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO APPLY FOR AND ADMINISTER FUNDING FOR A
REGIONAL PRIORITY BUS PROJECT FROM THE TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS
GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY (TIGER) COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM
ADMINISTERED BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2009, the President signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), which includes a new Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Competitive Grant Program with \$1.5 billion to be awarded by the US Department of Transportation for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure with national or regional significance for a variety of multimodal transportation uses, including roads, bridges, transit, and freight; and

WHEREAS, the COG Board adopted an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) National Capital Region Initiative in April 2009 as part of COG's focus on economic sustainability and recovery; and

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 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) of 2005 for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Washington Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, metropolitan planning organizations such as TPB are eligible applicants under TIGER grant funding guidelines published in the Federal Register on June 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the TPB adopted the attached Resolution, TPB R5-2010, on July 15, 2009, approving the submission of a National Capital Region Priority Bus application for funding under the TIGER competitive grant program of ARRA; and

WHEREAS, the TPB will be the lead applicant in the grant application and COG/TPB will be the direct recipient of up to \$16 million for a regional bicycle sharing program and \$2 million for overall program management, and other state, regional and local agencies will be joint applicants and direct recipients of all other TIGER grant funding included in the application; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments is the administrative agent of the TPB, and the COG Board authorizes the executive director to apply for and administer grant funding on behalf of the TPB; and

WHEREAS, applying for a TIGER grant represents a significant regional funding opportunity through ARRA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:

The Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to apply for and administer grant funding from USDOT's TIGER Competitive Grant Program for a Regional Priority Bus project in an amount not to exceed \$300,000,000 in accordance with provisions of the grant program. No COG matching funds are required.

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Nicole Hange, Board Clerk