

APPENDIX E

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD RESOLUTIONS OF APPROVAL FOR THE 2020 AMENDMENT TO VISUALIZE 2045, FY 2021-2024 TIP, AND THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS

MARCH 18, 2020

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
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**RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE 2020 AMENDMENT TO THE VISUALIZE 2045
LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND THE FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CONFORM WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF
THE CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1990**

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) has been designated by the Governors of Maryland and Virginia and the Mayor of the District of Columbia as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Washington Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAA), issued on November 24, 1993 "Criteria and Procedures for Determining Conformity to State or Federal Implementation Plans of Transportation Plans, Programs, and Projects Funded or Approved Under Title 23 U.S.C. or the Federal Transit Act," and, over the years, subsequently amended these regulations and provided additional guidance, which taken together provide the specific criteria for the TPB to make a determination of conformity of its financially constrained long-range transportation plan and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality maintenance within the Metropolitan Washington non-attainment area; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2019, the TPB staff released the Technical Inputs Solicitation Submission Guide and asked for inputs to the 2020 Amendment to the Visualize 2045 plan and the FY 2021-2024 TIP; and

WHEREAS, a scope of work was developed to address all procedures and requirements, including public and interagency consultation, and the scope was approved by the TPB at its July 24, 2019 meeting; and

WHEREAS, highway and transit project inputs submitted for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis of the 2020 Amendment to Visualize 2045 transportation plan and FY 2021-2024 TIP were approved by the TPB at its July 24, 2019 meeting; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the draft results of the air quality conformity analysis of the Visualize 2045 transportation plan and FY 2019-2024 TIP were released for a 30-day public comment period with inter-agency consultation; and

WHEREAS, the analysis reported in the Summary Report: Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2020 Amendment to Visualize 2045, dated March 18, 2020, demonstrates adherence to all mobile source emissions budgets for ground level ozone precursors Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) and Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), and meets all regulatory, planning and interagency consultation requirements, and therefore provides the basis for a finding of conformity of the 2020 Amendment to the Visualize 2045 transportation plan and the TIP with the requirements of the CAAA; and

WHEREAS, as part of the TPB's interagency consultation process, the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) concurs with the regional air quality conformity determination of the 2020 Amendment to the Visualize 2045 plan and the TIP, and provided other comments relating to the region's air quality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board determines that the 2020 Amendment to the Visualize 2045 long-range transportation plan and the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program conform to all requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on March 18, 2020

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020 AMENDMENT TO THE VISUALIZE 2045 LONG-RANGE
TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND
THE FY 2021–2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

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 Federal Planning Regulations of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) implementing the FAST Act, which became effective June 27, 2016, specify the development and content of the long-range transportation plan and of the transportation improvement program and require that it be reviewed and updated at least every four years; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2018, the TPB approved a new long-range transportation plan, called “Visualize 2045,” that meets federal planning requirements, addresses the federal planning factors and goals in the TPB Vision and the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan, and includes a new “Aspirational Element” as specified by TPB Resolution R8-2018; 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 the TPB approved the FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on October 17, 2018, which was developed as specified in the Federal Planning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2019, TPB staff issued a Technical Inputs Solicitation Submission Guide, which is a formal call for area transportation implementing agencies to submit technical details, including information necessary to perform the required air quality analysis of the 2020 Amendment to the Visualize 2045 long-range transportation plan, and for projects and programs to be included in the FY 2021-2024 TIP that will meet federal planning requirements, and will address the federal planning factors and goals in the TPB Vision and the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan; and

WHEREAS, the transportation implementing agencies in the region provided project submissions for the 2020 Amendment to Visualize 2045 and the FY 2021-2024 TIP, and the TPB Technical Committee and the TPB reviewed the project submissions at meetings in June and July 2019; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2019, the TPB approved the projects submitted for inclusion in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2020 Amendment to Visualize 2045 and the FY 2021-2024 TIP; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the draft FY 2021–2024 TIP was released for a 30-day public comment and inter-agency review period along with the draft 2020 Amendment to Visualize 2045, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2021-2024 TIP has been developed to meet the financial requirements in the Federal Planning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, during the development of the 2020 Amendment to Visualize 2045, the FY 2021 2024 TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis, the TPB Participation Plan was followed, and several opportunities were provided for public comment: (1) the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was briefed on the project submissions for inclusion in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2020 Amendment to Visualize 2045 and the FY 2021-2024 TIP at its July 18, 2019 meeting, (2) an opportunity for public comment on these submissions was provided at the beginning of the July 24, 2019 TPB meeting; (4) on January 16, 2020, a Public Forum was held on the development of the FY 2021-2024 TIP; (5) on January 31, the draft 2020 Amendment to Visualize 2045, the draft FY 2021-2024 TIP, and the draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis were released for a 30-day public comment period which closed on March 1, 2020; (7) an opportunity for public comment on these documents was provided on the TPB website and at the beginning of the February and March 2020 TPB meetings; and (9) the documentation of the 2020 Amendment to Visualize 2045, the FY 2021-2024 TIP, the Air Quality Conformity Analysis includes summaries of all comments and responses; and

WHEREAS, the TPB Technical Committee has recommended favorable action on the 2020 Amendment to Visualize 2045, the FY 2021-2024 TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis by the Board; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the TPB passed Resolution R14-2020, determining that the 2020 Amendment to Visualize 2045 and the FY 2021-2024 TIP conform with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2021-2024 TIP projects are consistent with the 2020 Amendment to Visualize 2045, and are selected in accordance with the Federal Planning Regulations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board approves the 2020 Amendment to the Visualize 2045 long-range transportation plan and the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on March 18, 2020