

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
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**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A
PRE-APPLICATION AND APPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT MULTIMODAL ACCESS
IMPROVEMENTS IN RAIL STATION AREAS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
FOR FUNDING UNDER THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT)
FY 2012 TIGER COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM**

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, On January 31, 2012, U.S. DOT released a notice of funding availability for the FY 2012 TIGER discretionary grant program; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2012 TIGER program is a competitive discretionary grant program administered through the US DOT Office of the Secretary funded with \$500 million appropriated through the FY 2012 Appropriations Act, \$380 million of which is available for capital projects in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, the TIGER program focuses on five primary criteria: state of good repair, safety, sustainability, livability, and economic competitiveness; and two secondary criteria: innovation and partnership; and

WHEREAS, the TIGER program provides the TPB with a good opportunity to fund innovative and challenging transportation projects that would be multimodal, multijurisdictional, multi-partnered and difficult to implement under other "modal" funding sources, in the process of meeting USDOT's long-term goals and objectives, such as providing regional benefits and strengthening regional partnerships, promoting multimodal travel by increasing connectivity and feasibility of using transit throughout the region, and increasing affordable transportation options; and

WHEREAS, at the July 21, 2011 TPB meeting, the Board approved TPB staff working with regional staff to develop and submit a regional TIGER application for the FY 2011 TIGER grant program, that centered on funding small-scale, innovative transit access projects including pedestrian, bicycle, streetscape or other circulation improvements to improve access to selected rail stations and encourage mixed-use development around the stations; and

WHEREAS, U.S. DOT staff indicated in a debrief of the TPB's FY 2011 TIGER application that its concept was exceptional and strongly encouraged re-submittal of the application for the FY 2012 TIGER grant opportunity; and

WHEREAS, additional refinements on the local project designs, costs and funding commitments, and implementation schedules will be provided to TPB staff by March 1 in order to perform and document the required analysis of the expected benefits and costs, including a calculation of net benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD approves the submission of a regional pre-application under the federal FY 2012 TIGER program by the due date of February 20, 2012, and the submission of an application by the due date of March 19, 2012.

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on February 15, 2012.