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

## RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TPB BYLAWS TO ALLOW REMOTE PARTICIPATION AND VOTING AT MEETINGS

**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 TPB is governed by its Bylaws which, as last amended on June 16, 2004, provide for the operation and framework for the TPB while defining its Functions; Relationship with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments; Membership and Terms; Time and Place of Meeting; Officers; Quorum and Voting Procedures; Committees; Staff; Public Participation and process for the Amendments of Bylaws; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB Bylaws hitherto have not provided for the participation of its Board members or their alternates in the monthly Board meetings by electronic means; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has over the many decades of its operations placed a premium on the full and regular participation of its members and their alternates at Board meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to provide limited opportunity for the Board members and their alternates to participate in the monthly Board meetings when they are unable to be physically be present at the meeting location due to an emergency or a personal matter; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 21, 2016, the TPB reviewed proposed amendments to its Bylaws that would provide for the participation by TPB members and their alternates in Board meetings via the electronic means (internet and or the telephone) on limited occasions, as well as make a few other minor non-substantive revisions; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2016, the Board gave notice of the proposed amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, there were no comments received during the comment period which closed on January 12, 2017; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the TPB Bylaws to allow remote attendance and voting at meetings, and to make the other minor non-substantive revisions and adopts the attached Bylaws as amended on January 18, 2017.

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on January 18, 2017