

**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
PROJECT TO IMPLEMENT PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ACCESS IMPROVMENTS IN RAIL
STATION AREAS IN THE REGION FROM THE FY 2011 TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS
GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY (TIGER) COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM OF THE US
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT)**

WHEREAS, On July 1, 2011, USDOT released an interim notice of funding availability for the FY 2011 TIGER discretionary grant program, and a final notice of funding availability on August 12, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2011 TIGER program is a competitive discretionary grant program administered through the USDOT Office of the Secretary funded with \$527 million appropriated through the FY 2011 Appropriations Act, \$387 million of which is available for capital projects in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), as 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 like the TPB are eligible applicants under the expressed FY 2011 TIGER grant funding guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the TPB adopted the attached Resolution, TPB R3-2012, on September 21, 2011, approving the submission of a pre-application for a project to Implement Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Improvements in Rail Station Areas in the National Capital Region for funding under the FY 2011 TIGER competitive grant program; and

WHEREAS, the TPB will be the lead applicant in the grant application and COG/TPB will be the direct recipient of up to \$30 million for a regional pedestrian and bicycle access improvements to rail stations project, and other state, regional and local agencies will be joint applicants and sub-recipients of FY 2011 TIGER grant funding included in the application; and

WHEREAS, COG 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 an FY 2011 TIGER grant represents a significant regional funding opportunity.

**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 FY 2011 TIGER Competitive Grant Program for a project to Implement Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Improvements in Rail Station Areas in an amount no less than \$10,000,000 and not to exceed \$30,000,000 in accordance with provisions of the grant program. No COG matching funds are required.

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Diane Humke, Board Clerk