

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
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**RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE VISUALIZE 2050 NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND THE FY 2026-2029 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 (CAAA), 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 metropolitan 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 February 15, 2023, the TPB staff released the Technical Inputs Solicitation Submission Guide and asked for inputs to Visualize 2050 and the FY 2026-2029 TIP; and

WHEREAS, following the direction from TPB's resolution R19-2021, as part of the Visualize 2050 Technical Inputs Solicitation, TPB and agency staff conducted a process to re-examine the capacity-related projects in Visualize 2045, where such improvements are significant for consideration in the air quality conformity analysis, and resubmit an updated mix of projects supported by updated revenue and expenditure estimates for new capital projects through 2050 demonstrating that funding is reasonably expected to be available; and

WHEREAS, a scope of work was developed to address all procedures and requirements, including public and interagency consultation, and the scope was released for public comment on March 1, 2024, and approved by the TPB at its May 15, 2024, meeting; and

WHEREAS, highway and transit project inputs submitted for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis of Visualize 2050 and the FY 2026-2029 TIP were released for public comment on March 1, 2024, and approved by the TPB at its May 2024 meeting; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2025, the draft results of the air quality conformity analysis of Visualize 2050 metropolitan transportation plan and FY 2026-2029 TIP were released for a 30-day public comment period with inter-agency consultation; and

WHEREAS, the Air Quality Conformity Analysis Report of Visualize 2050 and the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program demonstrates adherence to all mobile source emissions budgets for ground level ozone precursors Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) and Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x), and meets all regulatory, planning and interagency consultation requirements, and therefore provides the basis for a finding of conformity of Visualize 2050 and the FY 2026-2029 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 Visualize 2050 and the FY 2026-2029 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 Visualize 2050 and the FY 2026-2029 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 December 17, 2025.