

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
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**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VISUALIZE 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN
AND THE FY 2026–2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), as the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, reauthorized November 15, 2021 when the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law, 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 metropolitan transportation plan (MTP), referred to by TPB as the National Capital Region Transportation Plan, and of the transportation improvement program and require that it be reviewed and updated at least every four years; 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 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on June 15, 2022, which was developed as specified in the Federal Planning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, TPB’s resolution R19-2021 called for updating Visualize 2045 using a “zero-based budgeting” approach to update projects in the MTP that would have the TPB member agencies re-examine all of the projects in 2022 Update to Visualize 2045 and resubmit an updated mix of projects supported by updated revenue and expenditure estimates for new projects through 2050 demonstrating that funding is reasonably expected to be available, in order to better achieve the region’s goals, while providing for projects under construction or funded to be exempt from the above requirement; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2023, 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 for the next National Capital Region Transportation Plan, Visualize 2050, and for projects and programs to be included in the FY 2026-2029 TIP that will meet federal planning requirements, and will address the federal planning factors and the goals in the TPB policy framework; and

WHEREAS, the transportation implementing agencies in the region provided project submissions for Visualize 2050 and the FY 2026-2029 TIP, and the TPB Technical Committee and the TPB reviewed the project submissions at meetings in October, November 2023, and February, March, and April 2024 meetings; and

WHEREAS, at its May and June 2024 and October 2025 meetings, the TPB approved the projects submitted for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis of Visualize 2050 and the FY 2026-2029 TIP; and

WHEREAS, member agencies submitted the non-regionally significant projects in August 2024 and provided the current planned financial obligations in May 2025 for inclusion in Visualize 2050 and FY 2026-2029 TIP;

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2025, the draft FY 2026–2029 TIP was released for a 30-day public comment and inter-agency review period along with the draft Visualize 2050 plan and the air quality conformity analysis; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2026-2029 TIP has been developed to meet the financial requirements in the Federal Planning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, during the development of Visualize 2050, the FY 2026-2029 TIP, and the air quality conformity analysis, the TPB Participation Plan was followed, and several opportunities were provided for public comment: (1) from February through November, 2023, TPB invited public input on Visualize 2045 projects undergoing re-evaluation for submission and consideration in Visualize 2050; (2) a 30-day public comment period on project submissions for the air quality conformity analysis of Visualize 2050 and FY 2026-2029 TIP and the air quality conformity analysis scope of work was provided from March 1 to 30, 2024; (3) the TPB Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was briefed on the project submissions at its March 14, 2024, meeting, (4) an opportunity for public comment on these submissions was provided at the beginning of the March, April, May, and June 2024, TPB meetings; (5) on October 23, 2025, the draft Visualize 2050 document, FY 2026-2029 TIP, and the draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis Report were released for a 30-day public comment period which closed on November 21, 2025; (6) on November 13, 2025, a Public Forum was held on the development of the FY 2026-2029 TIP; (7) an opportunity for public comment on these documents was provided on the TPB website and on the Visualize 2050 website, and at the beginning of the November and December 2025 TPB meetings; (8) TPB provided public comment opportunities throughout the plan's development at the opening of its monthly meeting; and (9) the documentation of public engagement on Visualize 2050, the FY 2026-2029 TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis Report includes summaries of all comments and responses; and

WHEREAS, the TPB Technical Committee has recommended favorable action by the Board on Visualize 2050, the FY 2023-2026 TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis Report; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2025, the TPB passed Resolution R3-2026, determining that Visualize 2050, the FY 2023-2026 TIP conform with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2026-2029 TIP is consistent with Visualize 2050, and the projects and programs are selected in accordance with the Federal Planning Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board approves Visualize 2050 and the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on December 17, 2025.