

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROJECTS IN MARYLAND FOR TRANSPORTATION
ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM FUNDING UNDER THE SURFACE
TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY 2027**

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 FAST Act's Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside) Program, which is part of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), provides a portion of funding based on the relative share of the total State population sub-allocated to large urbanized areas, and the MPO is required "to develop a competitive process to allow eligible entities to submit projects for funding ... in consultation with the relevant State"; and

WHEREAS, the TA Set-Aside Program provides funding for transportation programs and projects defined as eligible per Section 1109 of the FAST Act; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT), the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) are responsible for determining the total federal funding amount allocated to the TPB, determining project eligibility, project implementation, and project oversight; and

WHEREAS, the TA Set-Aside Program provides an opportunity to fund projects that implement regional policies reflected in the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan and related to the seven initiatives endorsed by the TPB in December 2017 and January 2018, which include promoting Regional Activity Centers, improving pedestrian and bicycle access to transit, and completing the National Capital Trail Network; and

WHEREAS, a solicitation for TA Set-Aside applications for FY 2027 was conducted by the Maryland Department of Transportation between April 1 and April 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the TPB's TA Set-Aside Selection Panel for Maryland met on June 24, 2026 and recommended funding for one application based on project readiness for construction and consideration of the project's ability to meet regional selection criteria; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2026, the TPB Technical Committee was briefed on the recommended projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board approves the project for federal funding under the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program for FY 2027 in Maryland, as listed below:

- \$2,000,000 Heritage Triangle Trail Phase 1: Dr. Bird Road/Norwood Road Shared Use Path, Montgomery County

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on July 15, 2026.