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Agenda item # 13

## RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

**September 17, 2009** 

## **MOTION**

Made By: Mr. Schwartz Seconded By:: Mr. Koelemay
Action: Motion. Carried, Unanimously

## Title: Support for the Second Annual Statewide Try Transit Week

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is committed to supporting the use of transit options throughout Virginia; and,

**WHEREAS,** Try Transit Week is an event designed to encourage Virginians to avoid single occupant vehicle travel and try available transit options such as bus, rail, carpools, vanpools or telework; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, as the state agency for rail, transit and transportation demand management, is the statewide sponsor of Try Transit Week; and,

**WHEREAS**, transit operators across the Commonwealth are committed to supporting Try Transit Week as a statewide event and promoting such event to increase participation; and,

**WHEREAS,** transit use has been shown to save money as the American Public Transportation Association has found that households that use transit save more than \$9,000 a year in fuel and car expenses; and,

**WHEREAS**, transit use has been shown to provide congestion relief on highways as the Texas Transportation Institute has found that transit saved 646 million hours in travel time in 2009; and,

**WHEREAS**, transit is an important part of Virginia's transportation system and provides residents with options other than driving alone;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board hereby supports the Second Annual Statewide Try Transit Week to be held from September 21-25, 2009.

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