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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

Made By: Mr. White Seconded By: Mrs. Connally Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Initial Rural/Small Urban Transit Funding

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-12 (9)(b) of the *Code of Virginia*, requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (the Board) to adopt by July 1 of each year a Six-Year Improvement Program of anticipated transportation projects and programs; and,

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) prepares an annual program of projects, including federal and state grants for public transportation, transportation demand management and rail programs in accordance with federal and state regulations as a component of the Six-Year Improvement Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Six-Year Improvement Program includes allocations of federal Section 5307, 5311 and 5340 transit funds for rural and small urban transit programs in non-urbanized areas and/or urbanized areas with populations ranging between 50,000 and 200,000; and,

WHEREAS, the Six-Year Improvement Program may be amended during the fiscal year subject to the availability of funds; and,

WHEREAS, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) enacted on February 17, 2009 includes a total of \$30,548,352 in Virginia rural and small urban transit funding, of which \$11,993,189 is for Virginia's small urban transit programs and \$18,555,163 is for Virginia's rural transit programs; and,

WHEREAS, in compliance with ARRA, the Federal Transit Administration apportions the additional federal funds to potential recipients based on the statutory formulas in 49 U.S.C.

Sections 5307, 5311 and 5340 for the following programs: Transit Capital Assistance (urbanized areas) and Transit Capital Assistance (non-urbanized areas); and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration requires that federal grant applications for the Transit Capital Assistance programs be completed by the states no later than July 1, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, DRPT has evaluated Virginia transit initiatives eligible for ARRA rural and small urban federal transit funding based on applications received during the 2008-2009 annual grant applications period and identified \$17,344,006 in initial transit programs to be funded prior to July 1, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, DRPT has determined that \$3,834,900 of this amount is sufficient to support the initial capital needs identified in the rural transit applications received; and,

WHEREAS, DRPT has determined that \$13,509,106 of this amount is required to support the initial capital needs identified in the small urban transit applications received; and,

WHEREAS, ARRA permits the transfer rules in 49 U.S.C. section 5336(f) to apply, whereby the Governor may transfer the apportioned federal transit capital funds between the rural and small urban transit programs; and,

WHEREAS, DRPT proposes that \$6,000,000 in rural transit funding be transferred to the small urban transit program to meet the initial needs identified in the 2008-2009 annual transit grant applications period; and,

WHEREAS, DRPT proposes to solicit additional applications for the remaining \$13,204,346 in ARRA rural and small urban transit funds in summer 2009;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board approves the transfer of \$6,000,000 in federal ARRA funding provided through the federal rural transit program to support the initial needs identified in the 2008-2009 annual applications period for the federal small urban transit program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board approves the allocation of \$17,344,006 in initial ARRA federal rural and small urban transit funding, of which \$3,834,900 shall be for initial rural transit programs and \$13,509,106 shall be for initial small urban transit programs, as shown in the attachment to this resolution.

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