



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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*Agenda item # New Business*

### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 18, 2008

#### MOTION

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the CTB works to advance transit in the Commonwealth and approved a Six-Year Improvement Program for fiscal years 2009-2014 which included \$1.8 billion for transit programs; 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 or rail service, 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 public transportation save \$1,399 worth of gas each year; and

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**WHEREAS**, transit use has been shown to provide congestion relief on highways as each bus can remove up to 40 cars from traffic and each passenger railcar can remove up to 125 cars from highways; and

**WHEREAS**, transit use has been shown to reduce our dependence on oil as the American Public Transportation Association has found that each year, transit use in the U.S. saves 1.4 billion gallons of fuel, or almost four million gallons of fuel per day; and

**WHEREAS**, transit use has been shown to reduce carbon emissions in the environment as the American Public Transportation Association has found that transit reduces the nation's carbon emissions by 37 million metric tons annually; 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 First Annual Statewide Try Transit Week to be held from September 22-25, 2008.

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