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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

October 16, 2008

MOTION

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

**Title: Special Transit Allocation:
New Freedom and Senior Transportation Projects**

WHEREAS, The Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is designated by the Commonwealth to administer the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5317 New Freedom Program; and

WHEREAS, the New Freedom Program provides funding for new transportation services that go beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act to serve people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, funds were appropriated to DRPT through the 2008 Virginia Acts of Assembly, Chapter 879 Item 449 A.2, from the Commonwealth Mass Transit Trust Fund for Human Service Transportation; and

WHEREAS, DRPT created the Senior Transportation Program in FY09 to enhance transit service for the elderly through the Human Service Transportation funds identified in the 2008 Virginia Acts of Assembly Appropriations Act, Chapter 879 Item 449 A.2; and

WHEREAS, after initial allocations approved by this Board in June 2008, \$1,161,576 of FTA Section 5317 federal funds is unallocated and \$527,355 in Commonwealth Mass Transit Trust Funds for Human Service Transportation is unallocated and remains available for projects in the Six-Year Improvement Program for FY09 approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board in June 2008; and

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WHEREAS, DRPT has completed a solicitation for federal New Freedom Program and state Senior Transportation Program projects for one-time funding to utilize the unallocated federal and state funds; and

WHEREAS, DRPT has evaluated the 10 applications received for FTA Section 5317 New Freedom projects based upon federal and state requirements and the 13 applications received for FY09 state Senior Transportation Program projects based upon state requirements; and

WHEREAS, DRPT is recommending for allocation seven FTA Section 5317 federal New Freedom projects that will expand paratransit services, provide travel training and coordinate human service transportation in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, DRPT is recommending for allocation 13 FY09 state Senior Transportation projects that will provide new transportation services for seniors, provide travel training, support volunteer driver programs and support voucher programs in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the recommended FTA Section 5317 New Freedom projects and FY09 Senior Transportation Program projects serve a public purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the allocation of \$414,367 in federal funds and \$190,168 in matching state funds for seven FTA Section 5310 New Freedom projects and \$119,059 in state funds for 13 FY09 Senior Transportation projects.

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