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RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

Made By:Mr. Pandak Seconded By:Mr. Layne Action:Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
Second Round of Rural/Small Urban Transit Funds

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, on April 15, 2009, the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved $17,344,006 in ARRA rural and small urban transit programs to be funded prior to July 1, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2009, the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved 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; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of this transfer $3,834,900 of the initial ARRA funding has been allocated to small urban transit programs, and $13,509,106 to small urban transit programs; and,

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2009, the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved reallocation of $1,855,515 of rural ARRA funds and $1,199,319 of small urban ARRA funds to supplement operating assistance allocations as authorized by House Bill 2346, Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2009; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration requires that the remaining ARRA transit assistance funds be obligated by the states by March 5, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, DRPT has evaluated Virginia transit initiatives eligible for ARRA rural and small urban federal transit funding based on the second application period ended on September 14, 2009 and identified $10,149,512 in transit programs to be funded; and,

WHEREAS, DRPT has determined that $4,940,400 of this amount is sufficient to support the capital needs identified in the rural transit applications received; however, $5,209,112 of this amount is required to support the capital needs identified in the small urban transit applications; and,

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

WHEREAS, DRPT proposes that $1,924,348 in rural transit funding be transferred to the small urban transit program to meet the needs identified in the second application period for ARRA federal funding;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board approves the transfer of $1,924,348 in federal ARRA funding provided through the federal rural transit program to support the needs identified in the second application period for the federal small urban transit program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board approves the additional allocation of $10,149,512 in ARRA federal rural and small urban transit funding, of which $4,940,400 shall be for rural transit programs and $5,209,112 shall be for small urban transit programs, as shown in the attachment to this resolution.

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