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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 17, 2009

MOTION

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

Title: **The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**
Rural/Small Urban Transit Operating 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,

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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, House Bill 2346, Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2009, authorized the usage of up to 10% of the ARRA Transit Capital Assistance for operating assistance, up to the following caps: \$1,855,516 for non-urbanized areas, and \$1,199,319 for small urban areas; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board approves the allocation of ARRA federal funding for operating assistance, of which \$1,855,516 shall be for transit providers in non-urbanized areas and \$1,199,319 shall be for transit providers in small urban transit areas; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board approves the amendment of the FY 2010 Six Year Improvement Program to incorporate the flexing of the ARRA operating assistance as allocated on the attached schedule.

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