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Agenda Item # 11

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 15, 2010

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Keen   Seconded By:Mr. Koelemay
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Support for Third Annual Statewide Try Transit Week

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is committed to supporting the use of transit options throughout Virginia; 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, rail, 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 transit save more than $9,300 a year in fuel and car expenses; and

WHEREAS, transit use has been shown to provide congestion relief on highways as the Virginia Transit Association found that every bus full of passengers removes 40 cars from highways, and every rail passenger car has the potential to remove up to 125 passengers; and

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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 Third Annual Statewide Try Transit Week to be held from September 20-24, 2010.

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