

**POTOMAC AND RAPPAHANNOCK
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION

MOTION: _____

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-02-____
OFFICIAL COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2010**

SECOND: _____

RE: ENDORSEMENT OF FY 2011 FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

WHEREAS, each year management prepares an discretionary funding request prior to the Congress's appropriation deliberations; and

WHEREAS, it is timely to make this request for FY 2011 funding now that the request form has been received for the House submission and is due for submission in mid-February;

WHEREAS, management is recommending that a discretionary funding request of \$4.15 million (the matched amount) be made for the purchase of eight OmniRide buses; and

WHEREAS, the Commission supports the FY 2011 appropriations request prepared by PRTC management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission does hereby endorse the FY 2011 federal appropriations request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission authorizes the transmittal of the associated discretionary funding request forms to the Northern Virginia Congressional Delegation and others as might be appropriate in the furtherance of this pursuit.

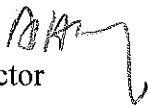


Potomac and Rappahannock
Transportation Commission

14700 Potomac Mills Road
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February 4, 2010

TO: Chairman May and Commissioners

FROM: Alfred H. Harf 
Executive Director

RE: Federal FY 2011 Appropriations

Recommendation:

Adopt management's "discretionary funding request" submission.

Background:

The FY2011 appropriation process has begun and management has received the "discretionary earmark" request form from Congressman Connolly. The Senate's form has not been received as yet. Management has also been contacted by Congressman Wittman's staff to advise us that Congressman Wittman will not be seeking appropriation earmarks for any projects other than those that are DOD/BRAC-related, because of his concerns about overall federal spending¹. For reasons detailed in the balance of this staff report, management proposes to submit a request for the acquisition of eight (8) commuter buses, entailing a total project cost of \$4.15 million.

Over the past several months, a number of OmniRide trips have been added to ease, as much as possible, severe overcrowding, in keeping with the Commission's September 2009 authorization to do so. These additional trips required supplementation of daily revenue hours and the use of "contingency fleet" buses.

Currently, six contingency fleet buses have been moved to the active fleet to ease overcrowding, and as soon as the MCI overhaul begins (in early spring, 2010), another two contingency fleet buses will have to be added to the active fleet so the vendor contracted to do the overhauls always has two buses at its disposal for overhaul work (the MCI overhaul project will for all practical purposes continue for several years uninterrupted, owing to the large volume of buses slated for overhaul).

¹ Congressman Wittman's staff also advised that while Congressman Wittman is refraining from all but specified appropriation earmarks, he will continue his efforts to arrange for transportation reauthorization earmarks as he did last year in the House T&I Committee bill which has not been legislated as yet.

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Accordingly, management is recommending that federal discretionary funding be sought for eight OmniRide buses. The Commission should also bear in mind that a request of this sort will be taken up by the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, in the context of an overall discretionary request for transportation (roads and public transit combined).

Fiscal Impact:

Funding to match the federal funds management proposes to seek is being incorporated as required in the proposed FY 2011 PRTC budget and its related five year plan.