

**POTOMAC AND RAPPAHANNOCK
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION

MOTION: _____

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-07-_____
OFFICIAL COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 9, 2009**

SECOND: _____

**RE: AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE ARRA
1511 CERTIFICATION**

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, there is \$8.4 billion in ARRA funds for transit capital improvements made available through various FTA programs; and

WHEREAS, PRTC, VRE and FRED are recipients of ARRA funding through these FTA programs; and

WHEREAS, award of an ARRA grant is contingent upon a 1511 certification being made and posted; and

WHEREAS, the Section 1511 certification attests to the fact that projects funded by ARRA have received a full review and vetting and are an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars, both of which are true.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission does hereby authorize the Executive Director to execute the 1511 certification, to submit the certification to the appropriate bodies and to post the certification on PRTC's website with a link to Recovery.gov.



Potomac and Rappahannock
Transportation Commission

14700 Potomac Mills Road
Woodbridge, VA 22192

July 9, 2009



TO: Chairman May and Commissioners

FROM: Alfred H. Harf *Al Harf*
Executive Director

RE: Authorize Executive Director to Execute the ARRA 1511 Certification

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to execute and submit the ARRA 1511 Certification and post the Certification and projects on PRTC's website along with a link to Recovery.gov.

Background:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA; Pub. L. 111-5) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. Over \$48 billion will be invested in transportation infrastructure, including \$8.4 billion in transit capital improvements made available through various Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs. PRTC, VRE and FRED are recipients of ARRA funds through these FTA programs.

As a condition of award, grantees receiving ARRA funds will be required to report on grant activities on a routine basis. Additionally, special certifications and grant conditions are required of ARRA recipients. The three statutorily required certifications can be made by the governor, mayor or chief executive officer as appropriate and PRTC management was under what turns out to be a mistaken impression that Governor Kaine would be making the certifications for all Virginia agencies. In late June, management learned that the Governor is not doing the so-called 1511 certification (projects funded by ARRA have received a full review and vetting and are an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars) for the large urban areas of Virginia.

Attached is the required 1511 certification together with a list of the projects receiving ARRA funding. Besides the vetting these projects received as part of the Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) TIP amendment process, these projects were also the subject of the public hearing PRTC held on April 22, 2009 pertaining to the PRTC FY 2010 budget.

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Management is recommending that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute the 1511 certification, submit it to the appropriate bodies, and post the certification and projects on PRTC website. A condition for award of an ARRA grant is that this certification is made and posted.

Fiscal Impact:

This action has no fiscal impact.

Attachment: As stated

CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 1511 OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

Pursuant to Title XV, Subtitle A, Section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Pub. L. 111-5 (February 17, 2009)) (“ARRA”), I, Alfred H. Harf,* hereby certify that the infrastructure investments, attached to this certification, funded with amounts appropriated by the ARRA under the headings “Transit Capital Assistance” and “Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment” to the Federal Transit Administration, have received the full review and vetting required by law and that I accept responsibility that such investments are an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. I further certify that the information required by Section 1511 regarding such investments (a description of the investment, the estimated total cost, and the amount of ARRA funds to be used) is attached. This information is included in the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)¹¹ which is available to the public at <http://www.mwcog.org/transportation/activities/stimulus/default.asp>, the Virginia Statewide Transportation Program (STIP) which is available to the public at [http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/about/files/Transit_STIP_FY09 - FY13 with Adj 3 and Amend 2-Current.pdf](http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/about/files/Transit_STIP_FY09_-_FY13_with_Adj_3_and_Amend_2-Current.pdf), on the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission’s (PRTC) website at PRTCtransit.org and linked to Recovery.gov.

I understand that PRTC may not receive ARRA investment funding unless this certification is made and posted.

Alfred H. Harf
Executive Director
Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission

Signed this ____ day of July, 2009

*In accordance with section 1511 of the ARRA, the Certifying Official may be either the Governor, mayor or other chief executive as appropriate.

¹ The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) approved amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on 3/18/09 and 4/15/09 to include the PRTC ARRA program.



**POTOMAC AND RAPPAHANNOCK TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION/VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS/FRED BUS ARRA FUNDED
PROJECTS**

VRE Rolling Stock Acquisition – 2 locomotives	\$ 9.7 million
PRTC Capital Cost of Contracting – maintenance of PRTC fleet	\$ 3 million
PRTC Bus Acquisition – 2 buses	\$ 757,000
FRED Bus Stop Signage and Bus Shelter Program	\$ 114,000
VRE Station and Facilities – Engineering and Design Of a Canopy Extension at Manassas Park Station	\$ 98,000
PRTC bus Shelter Program – Engineering/Design for site improvements At three shelter sites	\$ 38,000