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**POTOMAC AND RAPPAHANNOCK
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION

MOTION: _____

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-09-____
OFFICIAL COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2008**

SECOND: _____

**RE: ENDORSEMENT OF PRTC'S PROJECTS SUBMITTED FOR
CONSIDERATION BY THE NVTA FOR FY 2010 FEDERAL CMAQ FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) annually submits a list of projects to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) for consideration of regionally-allocated federal CMAQ and/or RSTP funds; and

WHEREAS, projects are chosen based on their demonstrated ability to assist the National Capital region generally and Northern Virginia portion of the region more specifically in meeting the region's adopted transportation planning policy goals and objectives, including but not limited to improving air quality and reducing traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, PRTC management is proposing two projects for CMAQ funding consideration – another funding increment for the implementation of a westerly bus maintenance facility and funding to sustain the Commission's ongoing ridesharing program for another year – both of which are well suited for helping the region meet these goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the PRTC supports the pursuit of CMAQ funding for these two projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission does hereby endorse the proposed projects for regional consideration by the NVTA for FY 2010 Federal CMAQ funds.



Potomac and Rappahannock
Transportation Commission

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September 4, 2008

TO: Chairman Jones and Commissioners

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

RE: Endorsement of PRTC's Projects Submitted for Consideration by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) For FY10 Federal CMAQ Funds

Recommendation:

Endorse PRTC's projects proposed for consideration by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) for FY 2010 Federal CMAQ funds.

Background:

Each year, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) requests jurisdictions and regional transportation providers to identify transportation projects for consideration of the regionally-allocated Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds. PRTC annually submits projects in consultation with Prince William County staff on the prospective submissions with the PRTC Board's sanction.

The total amount of anticipated regional funding for Northern Virginia in FY 2010 is approximately \$36.8 million RSTP and \$24.2 million CMAQ. These are the total dollar amounts (not simply the federal share), and the state provides the match based on established CTB policy.

For the FY 2010 round, PRTC management proposes to submit the following projects for consideration:

No.	Project Name	Total Request	Federal	State	Local	Type
1.	Westerly Bus Maintenance Facility Property Acquisition	\$1,500,000	\$1,200,000	\$300,000	\$0	CMAQ
2.	Ridesharing	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	CMAQ
TOTAL		\$1,800,000	\$1,500,000	\$300,000	\$0	

1. **Property Acquisition for a Westerly Bus Maintenance Facility** - This CMAQ request, in conjunction with FY 2008 and FY2009 CMAQ funding already pledged, would fully fund the property acquisition. PRTC envisions the westerly facility housing as many as four maintenance bays (for minor maintenance), a fuel island and bus wash, administrative space, and overnight, secured storage space for as many as 100 buses. An initial estimate of the total cost of the project (without the benefit of engineering) is approximately \$15 million (including: land acquisition, design, construction management, construction, and necessary permits). Full funding of the project will require the assemblage of federal discretionary funding and federal formula funding over several years, perhaps supplemented by NVTAs regional funding assuming that a successor to the invalidated regional taxes is ultimately legislated by the General Assembly.

2. **Ridesharing** - This proposed funding will sustain ongoing PRTC ridesharing efforts. Providing ridematching services in association with the regional Commuter Connection database, OmniMatch provides both non-financial and limited financial support for about 95 full-size (15-passenger vans), 34 mini-vans (7 or 9 passenger) and hundreds of carpools. Combined, these privately owned and operated vanpools carry almost 2,814 passenger trips per day on the I-95 and I-66 HOV lanes. Like other regional ridesharing programs, PRTC's OmniMatch Program does not have a dedicated source of funding. A variety of funding sources, including CMAQ, have been used in the past. This application would sustain the existing program for another year.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no local match required for either project. No fiscal impact on PRTC's FY2010 budget.