

## V. AUTHORIZING RESOLUTIONS FOR FY 2019 FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT APPLICATIONS

Each year, the HRTPO applies for regional planning funds under two federal programs that supplement the primary planning funds the HRTPO receives under the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Section 112 Metropolitan Planning (PL) Funds program. One is the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5303 program and the other is the FHWA State Planning and Research (SPR) Funds program.

Section 5303 funds are designated for transit planning and research activities. The FTA apportions Section 5303 funds for Virginia to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) receive their apportionments from DRPT based on an urbanized area population-based formula. These funds require a 20% match, which is typically divided between the state and the MPO or transit agency, each contributing 10%. The HRTPO retains a portion of Section 5303 funds and allots the remaining funds to Hampton Roads Transit and Williamsburg Area Transit Authority via pass-through agreements.

SPR funds are administered by VDOT and are the primary source of funding for statewide long-range transportation planning in non-urbanized areas within the Commonwealth. SPR funds require matching funds of 20%.

Both programs require a resolution authorizing the HRTPO Executive Director to:

- File an application for the funds on behalf of the HRTPO
- Execute and file all necessary certifications and assurances, as well as any other documents or information required for the application
- Execute a grant agreement on behalf of the HRTPO

The resolutions (attached) also certify that the local share required to match the federal funds shall be made available from resources available to the HRTPO.

Attachment 17-V1: HRTPO Board Resolution 2018-01 – FTA Section 5303 Program

Attachment 17-V2: HRTPO Board Resolution 2018-02 – SPR Program

### **Recommended Action:**

Approve the resolutions and authorize the Executive Director to file applications and execute the associated documents for the FY 2019 FTA Section 5303 and SPR funding programs.