

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION COALITION

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2011-2012 Northern Virginia Business Community Transportation Funding Resolution

WHEREAS, new transportation infrastructure is an investment, not a cost, and historically Commonwealth spending on cost effective transportation projects such as the Fairfax Parkway, Route 28 and I-66 widening has yielded a direct return in new economic activity and tax revenues that greatly exceed Virginia's initial investment, and

WHEREAS, failure to invest more in transportation will result in economic decline, and

WHEREAS, transportation-dedicated taxes and fees have remained virtually unchanged in Virginia since 1987, and

WHEREAS, Virginia will add nearly 3 million people and 149 million more miles of daily travel to its network by 2035 and documented unfunded transportation requirements exceed \$100 billion, including more than \$4.6 billion in structurally deficient bridges, and

WHEREAS, Governor McDonnell's \$3.3 billion transportation program enacted this year, provides an important jump start but as the Governor has acknowledged it does not provide the long-term sustainable funding the Commonwealth's transportation program requires, and

WHEREAS, inadequate capacity and poor pavement conditions annually cost \$4.7 billion or nearly \$1,000 per licensed Virginia driver in accidents, operating costs and congestion-related delays, and

WHEREAS, Virginia's Six-Year Improvement Program is not an accurate reflection of the Commonwealth's acute transportation needs, and its "cost to complete" is \$11.7 billion, and

WHEREAS, \$500 million in Virginia's Transportation Trust Fund for construction is diverted annually to the Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund, and more than 27,000 lane-miles of secondary roads have substandard pavement, and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation has already significantly consolidated operations and reduced personnel by 3,000, and

WHEREAS, federal revenues are Virginia's single largest transportation revenue source, and

WHEREAS, the federal surface transportation program has not been reauthorized and future allocation levels are in doubt and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth lacks funds for transportation infrastructure to attract new business and supplement public-private partnership transportation investments and the Virginia Department of Transportation's Report Card assigns the transportation network an "F" grade for supporting economic vitality, and

WHEREAS, the organizations listed below have previously affirmed support for a minimum of \$400 million per year in new, dedicated, sustainable transportation funds for Northern Virginia and for the position that such funds must not be viewed or used as a replacement for existing state transportation revenues, and

WHEREAS, bonds, public-private partnerships, General Funds, allocation formula changes, infrastructure banks, tolls and other currently used mechanisms are part of the solution, but are inadequate, individually or collectively, to address well-documented needs, and

WHEREAS, fiscal and political realities dictate that the Commonwealth's transportation needs cannot be met without new, reliable revenues in the form of dedicated taxes and/or fees, and

WHEREAS, "no-tax" pledges on transportation funding by candidates for public office are contrary to the best interests of the citizens of the Commonwealth and future economic prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the undersigned organizations are united in the position that:

Virginia's Governor and members of both parties in the state legislature must work together and do whatever is necessary in the 2012 General Assembly to build on progress achieved in the 2011 session and secure significant, new, dedicated, reliable transportation revenues drawing on a package of balanced and equitable funding sources to erase Virginia's well-documented transportation deficit, which threatens Virginia's long-term prosperity.

(Signatories listed on reverse side)