

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

October 30, 2018

MOTION

Made By: Seconded By: Action:

Title: Guidelines for Urban Transit Agency Strategic Plans

WHEREAS, § 33.2-286 of the *Code of Virginia* stipulates that the Department of Rail and Public Transportation shall develop guidelines, subject to the approval of this Board, for the development of strategic plans for transit agencies that serve an urbanized area with a population of 50,000 or more and have a bus fleet of at least 20 buses; and

WHEREAS, § 33.2-286 of the *Code of Virginia* stipulates that such plans are required to be updated at least every five years, as a condition of receiving funds from the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation has developed draft program guidelines, in consultation with industry stakeholders, that fulfill the requirements of § 33.2-286 of the *Code of Virginia*; and

WHEREAS, the enactment clauses of Chapter 854 of the 2018 Virginia Acts of Assembly require the Commonwealth Transportation Board adopt the guidelines required by § 33.2-286 of the *Code of Virginia* by December 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the enactment clauses of Chapter 854 of the 2018 Virginia Acts of Assembly require the Commonwealth Transportation Board to develop and adopt a plan for the phased implementation of these requirements over a period of five years; and

WHEREAS, the enactment clauses of Chapter 854 of the 2018 Virginia Acts of Assembly stipulate that no agency subject to § 33.2-286 of the *Code of Virginia* shall be penalized for not submitting a strategic plan, provided that the agency is in compliance with the phased implementation schedule; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines and implementation plan have been made available for public comment for a period of 45 days;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby adopts the Guidelines for Urban Transit Agency Strategic Plans and the plan for phased implementation as attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the methodology may continue to evolve and improve based upon advances in technology, data collection, and results of the pilot projects, and to the

extent that any such improvements modify or affect the guidance set forth, they shall be brought to the Board for review and approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board hereby directs the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to take all actions necessary to implement and administer this policy and process, including, but not limited to preparation of technical guidance and outreach consistent with this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board hereby directs the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation revisit the process following completion of the pilot projects, in consultation with the Transit Service Delivery Advisory Committee, transit agencies, metropolitan planning organizations, and local governments prior to making recommendations to the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

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