

MOTION:

SECOND:

**RE: AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO COMMENCE THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
PROCESS FOR THE TRANSIT STRATEGIC PLAN AND THE TRANSPORTATION DEMAND
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) is developing a Strategic Plan to guide the organization over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, Phase III of the strategic planning effort consists of the production of a Transit Strategic Plan (TSP) and a Transportation Demand Management Plan (TDMP); and

WHEREAS, production of a TSP and a TDMP is required by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT); and

WHEREAS, work on both the TSP and TDMP has been completed to allow for public review; and

WHEREAS, PRTC's adopted Public Participation Policy requires a public review including a public hearing prior to the adoption of a proposed transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, management will advise the Commission as to the results of the public participation process and seek adoption of the TSP and TDMP after the public participation process is complete.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission does hereby authorize the Executive Director to commence the public participation process for the Transit Strategic Plan and the Transportation Demand Management Plan.

Votes:

Ayes:

Abstain:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Alternate(s) Present Not Voting:

Absent from Meeting:



July 2, 2020

TO: Chair Franklin and PRTC Commissioners

FROM: Charles Steigerwald
Chief Development Officer

THROUGH: Robert A. Schneider, PhD
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Schneider", is placed next to the name of the Executive Director.

SUBJECT: Authorize the Executive Director to Commence the Public Participation Process for the Transit Strategic Plan and the Transportation Demand Management Plan

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to commence the public participation process for the Transit Strategic Plan and the Transportation Demand Management Plan.

Background:

The Transit Strategic Plan (TSP) and the Transportation Demand Management Plan (TDMP) represent the completion of OmniRide's multi-year, multi-phased Strategic Plan effort. Along with the Commission endorsed Strategic Recommendations, these plans will guide the efforts of the agency over the next decade.

Both the TSP and the TDMP are required of grantees of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDPRPT). Under current guidelines transit agencies are required to complete a full TSP (major update) every five (5) years with a minor update each year. Minor updates are intended to provide agencies the flexibility to address changes in areas such as: organizational/governance changes, fare changes, new services/facilities, available funding, economic conditions, demographic and employment patterns, and changes in federal and state laws and regulations. They also provide the agencies the opportunity to adjust timelines, add newly developed services and account for changes in financial position. Currently the TDMP has a requirement to complete a new plan every six (6) years, however, VDRPT is developing new requirements that will likely match those of the TSP and require a minor update annually.

Each plan presents a set of proposed service enhancements covering the required planning horizon – 10 years for the TSP and six (6) years for the TDMP – in a fiscally constrained manner.

The service enhancements were based on existing plans, stakeholder and public input, and needs assessed during the course of the strategic planning effort. The two plans are being presented together in an effort to more fully represent the agency's work and reinforce the view of OmniRide as a multimodal service provider.

PRTC's Public Participation Policy requires public input prior to the adoption of any transportation plan. Given the current situation related to COVID-19 and restrictions on public gatherings, management will consider alternative methods of public input and determine a schedule for public hearings based on the best information available at the time. Commission members will be advised of hearing dates, locations, and format.

Once the public participation process is complete management will return to the Commission to advise members of all results and request adoption of the agency's Transit Strategic and Transportation Demand Management Plans as drafted or amended.

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact.