RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SUBMISSION OF SMARTSCALE (HB2) APPLICATIONS REQUESTING TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, completed a comprehensive Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in May, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the LRTP has been modified and amended with the most recent amendment on July 27, 2016 amendment adding the Route 250 Free Bridge project to the LRTP; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Policy Board has identified transportation projects which are critical to improve safe and efficient movement of people and goods along public roadways in the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, during its 2014 session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted legislation in the form of House Bill 2 ("HB2") now titled "Smartscale", which established new criteria for the allocation of transportation funding for projects within the state; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) during its board meeting of June 17, 2015 approved the Policy and Guidelines for Implementation of a Project Prioritization Process in accordance with Smartscale; and

WHEREAS, many of the transportation projects identified by the MPO meet the eligibility criteria for funding under Smartscale; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Area of Charlottesville-Albemarle, for the MPO, the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County to submit HB2 applications requesting state funding for eligible transportation projects.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Policy Board of the MPO fully endorses the MPO’s submission of a Smartscale application requesting funding for the following transportation project:

1) US Route 250 Free Bridge – Bridge Capacity Improvements including turning lanes at High Street and Route 20 with separated bike/pedestrian improvements across the Rivanna River. Project submission is for Alternatives F and I of the Free Bridge Area Congestion Relief Project of November, 2014 for an estimated cost of $30,000,000.

ADOPTED this 27th day of July, 2016 by the MPO Policy Board being duly assembled.

ATTESTED:

[Signature]

Kristin Szakos, Chair
Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO Policy Board