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MEMORANDUM

November 7, 2005

To: Transportation Planning Board

From: Ron Kirby
Director, Department of
Transportation Planning

RE: Steering Committee Actions

At its meeting of November 4, 2005, the TPB Steering Committee approved the following resolution:

- ❖ TPB SR5-2006: Resolution on an Amendment to the FY2005-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that is exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to fund leasing of Park-And-Ride spaces in Loudoun County as requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

The TPB Bylaws provide that the Steering Committee “shall have the full authority to approve non-regionally significant items, and in such cases it shall advise the TPB of its action.”

TPB SR5- 2006
November 4, 2005

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002**

**RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO
THE FY 2005-2010 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT
TO FUND LEASING OF PARK-AND-RIDE SPACES IN LOUDOUN COUNTY AS
REQUESTED BY THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT)**

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), which is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington Region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2004 the TPB adopted the 2004 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and the FY 2005-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of October 27, 2005, VDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2005-2010 TIP to add funding for the continued leasing of park-and-ride spaces at a Lowes Island shopping center in Loudoun County as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, this project is exempt from the air quality conformity requirement, as defined in Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations "40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments: Flexibility and Streamlining; Final Rule," issued in the August 15, 1997 *Federal Register*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2005-2010 TIP to add funding for the continued leasing of park-and-ride spaces at a Lowes Island shopping center in Loudoun County, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on November 4, 2005.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

GREGORY A. WHIRLEY
ACTING COMMISSIONER

14685 Avion Parkway
Chantilly, VA 20151
(703) 383-VDOT (8368)
October 27, 2005

National Capital Region
Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.; Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002-4201

Dear Chairman Mendelson:


Consistent with the attached email from Loudoun County staff, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requests an amendment (also attached) to the FY 2005-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Also included in this amendment package are a Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP) description sheet and a TIP description sheet for the project proposed for amendment into the TIP and CLRP.

This TIP amendment will allow access to \$280,000 in FY-06 RSTP funds allocated by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) to Loudoun County for the continued leasing of park-and-ride spaces at a Lowes Island shopping center. VDOT believes that the proposed amendment is "conformity exempt" given that the proposed funding will permit the continued use of an existing park-and-ride lot, and, per Table 2 of 40 CFR §93.126, "Continuation of ride-sharing and van-pooling promotion activities ..." are activities that are "... exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be made."

We request approval of this amendment by the TPB Steering Committee at its meeting on November 4, 2005.

Please call Jo Anne Sorenson at (703) 383-2461, if you need further information. Upon approval of this amendment, please furnish copies of the approval to Ms. Sorenson and to Mr. Mannell in VDOT's Transportation and Mobility Planning Division. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Dennis C. Morrison
District Administrator
Northern Virginia District

attachments

WE KEEP VIRGINIA MOVING

From: Sharon Affinito [mailto:SAFFINIT@loudoun.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2005 10:55 AM
To: Trivedi, Rahul, P.E.
Cc: Nancy Gourley
Subject: Lowes Island

Rahul, here are the details for the RSTP funding we were awarded for leasing park and ride lot spaces at Lowes Island:

The amount was for 95 spaces at \$35 a space per month for 7 years for a total of about \$280,000.

We are currently leasing 65 spaces at \$35 a space per month. The shopping center has the ability to give us 30 more based on meeting their zoning requirements. I don't have a timeframe when we will go to leasing the full 95, but probably real soon.

We have had talks with the new Catholic church that is under construction in that area as another alternative location for parking. We will pursue looking for other more permanent sites soon (once Leesburg is a little closer to being built).

I am putting in the interoffice mail the Lowes Island License Agreement.

If you have any other questions, please call or email. Thanks, Sharon

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)**

FY 2005-2010

PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENT - 11/04/2005

Changes to existing entries are noted in bold.

Agency Project ID	Facility, Location, Description	Phase	FY04 TIP Entry	Carry Over	Annual Element FY 05	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	Program Total FY 05-10	Funding Source	Funding Shares Fed/st/lo
	VDOT TRANSIT												
None (New)	Facility: Park-and-Ride Lot From: @ Lowes Island To: Jurisdiction: Loudoun County, Leesburg,	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 280	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$280 \$0 \$0	RSTP	80% 20%
	Continue leasing the existing Lowes Island Park-and-Ride Lot and expand, at a future date, from 65 spaces to 95 spaces.												

CONSTRAINED LONG RANGE PLAN (CLRP)

Proposed Project or Action Description Form
FY 2005 - 2030

1. Location and Jurisdiction
 Facility: **Park-and-Ride Lots**
 From/At: **Throughout Loudoun County**
 To:
 Jurisdiction: **Loudoun County,**

2. Submitting Agency: **VDOT**
 Agency Project ID: **None**
 Last Modified On: **10/26/2005**

3. Project Type and Description
 Construction
 Transportation Emissions Reduction Measure (TERM)

Study
 Illustrative Project
 Other Action/Strategy

Description of project or action:
Park-and-Ride Lots throughout Loudoun County.

Lease, study, expand, rehabilitate, and construct. May include transit interface.

Bicycle/pedestrian accommodations included.

4. Project Phasing

Project ID	TIP Improve.	Facility	From	To	Completion Date / In TIP
None (New)	Lease	Park-and-Ride Lot	Lowes Island		2005 X

Note: "X" after Date indicates project is presently in TIP. Bold "X" denotes amendment into TIP.

5. Purpose/contribution to regional goals
This project supports Policy Goal 5, Objective 2 in that park-and-ride lots promote reduced reliance on single-occupant vehicles (SOV).

6. Funding and Schedule Information
 Cost (In Thousands): **\$280**
 Source: **Federal, State,**

Date of completion or implementation: **2005**

Cost and schedule remarks: **Ongoing RSTP (w match): \$280 K in FY-06.**

7. CMS Documentation

Is this a highway capacity-increasing project on a limited access or other principal arterial highway?

Yes No

If yes, does this project require a CMS Documentation form under the given criteria?

Yes No

If not, please identify the criteria that exempt the project here:

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Proposed Project or Action Description Form

FY 2005-2010

1. Agency: **VDOT**

Last Modified On: **10/26/2005**

2. Location and Jurisdiction

Facility: **Park-and-Ride Lot**

From/At: **Lowes Island**

To:

Jurisdiction: **Loudoun County, Leesburg,**

3. Description of project or action:

Continue leasing parking spaces for the existing Lowes Island Park-and-Ride Lot and expand, at a future date, from 65 spaces to 95 spaces.

This lot is served by the County's Commuter Bus Service. This project will enable funding for several years while a permanent, non-leased site is located and, if need be, constructed.

Bicycle/pedestrian accommodations included.

4. Project Status

New project

5. Environmental Review

Not applicable

6. Funding and Schedule Information

Date of completion or implementation: **2005**

Source	FY	Amount (x \$1,000)	Phase	% Fed/State/Loc	
RSTP	2006	280	CN	80	20

7. Cost and schedule remarks: