

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

**RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2017-2022 TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY  
CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE ROCK CREEK PARK TRAIL  
PROJECT, AS REQUESTED BY THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DDOT)**

**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 Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the TIP is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as a basis and condition for all federal funding assistance to state, local and regional agencies for transportation improvements within the Washington planning area; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 16, 2016 the TPB adopted the FY 2017-2022 TIP; and

**WHEREAS**, in the attached letter of August 30, DDOT has requested that the FY 2017-2022 TIP be amended to include \$5.5 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program funding in FY 2017 for construction of the Rock Creek Park Trail project (TIP ID 3230), as described in the attached materials; and

**WHEREAS**, this project is exempt from the air quality conformity requirement, as defined in Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Regulations as of April 2012, or are included in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2016 CLRP Amendment and the FY 2017-2022 TIP;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2017-2022 TIP to include \$5.5 million in CMAQ funding in FY 2017 for construction of the Rock Creek Park Trail project (TIP ID 3230), as described in the attached materials.



# Government of the District of Columbia

## Department of Transportation



### **d.** Planning and Sustainability Division

August 30, 2017

The Honorable Bridget Newton, Chairperson  
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
777 North Capitol Street N.E., Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20002-4290

Dear Chairman Newton,

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) requests that the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) FY 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be amended to increase the funding amount for the Rock Creek Park Trail project. The TIP project listing for the project is attached.

The proposed amendment would add approximately \$5.5 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds for the construction cost of the project in FY 2017. The previous estimate for construction was \$5.5 million. The current estimate of the project is \$11 million. The major contributions for the increased cost estimate are as follows:

- 1) Commission of Fine Art's (CFA) revision of design and added more structure and more requirements;
- 2) Added scope - A retaining wall construction was added to the scope. This was requested by Eastern Federal Land at about 90% completion of design;
- 3) Added more lighting on trail requested by public; and
- 4) A more accurate cost estimate at end of design.

The proposed amendment does not add additional capacity for motorized vehicles and does not require conformity analysis or public review and comment. The funding sources have been identified, and the TIP will remain fiscally constrained. Therefore, DDOT requests that the TPB Steering Committee approve this amendment at its September 8, 2017 meeting.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Should you have questions regarding this amendment, please contact Mark Rawlings at (202) 671-2234 or by e-mail at [mark.rawlings@dc.gov](mailto:mark.rawlings@dc.gov). Of course, feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

James Sebastian  
Associate Director, Planning and Sustainability Division (PSD)



**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)**

**FY 2017 - 2022**

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	Source Total
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**DDOT**

**Bike/Ped**

**Rock Creek Park Trail**

TIP ID: <b>3230</b>	Agency ID: <b>AF005A</b>	Title: <b>Rock Creek Park Trail</b>	Complete:	Total Cost:	<b>\$14,000</b>
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Facility: M Street to Beach Drive	CMAQ	80/20/0	3,000 c	11,000 c					11,000
From: Piney Branch Pkwy									
To: 16th Street	DEMO	80/20/0	500 a						

**Total Funds: 11,000**

Description: Rehabilitate the paved trail in Rock Creek Park including selected widening, resurfacing, new connections, and a new bridge south of the Zoo tunnel. Retaining wall repair on Piney Branch.

**Amendment: Add Funding** **Requested on: 9/8/2017**  
Add \$5.5 million in CMAQ funding for construction in FY 2017.