

TPB PR4-2004
September 5, 2003

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002**

**RESOLUTION ON AMENDMENT TO
THE FY 2003-2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT,
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 July 17, 2002 the TPB adopted the Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and the FY 2003-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of August 29, 2003, VDOT, on behalf of Fairfax County, has requested an amendment to the FY 2003-2008 TIP to include a project to improve pedestrian access to existing transit services in the Tysons Corner area funded with \$498,900 in Federal Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funds and \$498,900 in developer contributed funds, 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 Program Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2003-2008 TIP to include a project to improve pedestrian access to existing transit services in the Tysons Corner area funded with \$498,900 in Federal Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funds and \$498,900 in developer contributed funds, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Program Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on September 5, 2003.



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August 26, 2003

Mr. Ronald F. Kirby
Director, Department of Transportation Planning
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Dear Mr. Kirby;

My purpose in writing is to de-program funds proposed for a TERM and to alert you to an error in the Commuter Connections Work Program (CCWP).

In the interest of efficiency, Virginia prefers to implement the new Public Sector Employer Outreach TERM using our existing county TDM network. Thus, I ask that the \$214,000 programmed for this new TERM in the CCWP for FY04 and FY05 be removed from the CCWP. VDOT and DRPT will provide CMAQ funds to Arlington County for regional public sector employer outreach assistance on behalf of the local rideshare / TDM agencies. TERM oversight will be provided by an advisory committee consisting of VDOT, DRPT, MWCOG staff, Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Alexandria, and Prince William Counties. Reporting for conformity credits will flow through Arlington to MWCOG with appropriate attribution to the local rideshare programs using the established reports and procedures for all other TERMS.

The CCWP specifies that there will be \$1,161,550 per year available for employer outreach in FY03 and FY04 (see table on pg. 13 of draft CCWP report). The work program includes an additional \$214,000 per year for the new TERM, which is an error (it should only be \$107,000 per year). After subtracting the funds for the Public Sector Employer Outreach TERM, the amount for the existing Employer Outreach TERM should continue at the same level as FY02, which is \$947,550.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. McDonald".

Robert W. McDonald, P.E.
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