

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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Item #5

MEMORANDUM

January 17, 2013

To: Transportation Planning Board

From: Ronald F. Kirby *RFK*
Director, Department of
Transportation Planning

Re: Steering Committee Actions

At its meeting on January 11, 2013, the TPB Steering Committee approved the following resolution:

- SR12-2013: Resolution on an amendment to the FY 2013- 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that is exempt from the air quality conformity requirement to modify funding for the I-66/US 15 interchange reconstruction project, to include funding for a study to evaluate and develop a rating system for significant transportation projects in Northern Virginia, and for the Eisenhower Ave. widening project, 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.”

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

**RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2013- 2018
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT
FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO MODIFY FUNDING
FOR THE I-66/US 15 INTERCHANGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, TO INCLUDE
FUNDING FOR A STUDY TO EVALUATE AND DEVELOP A RATING SYSTEM FOR
SIGNIFICANT TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA, AND FOR
THE EISENHOWER AVENUE WIDENING PROJECT, 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 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) 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 July 18, 2012 the TPB adopted the FY 2013-2018 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of January 10, 2013, VDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2013-2018 TIP to modify funding for the I-66/US 15 Interchange Reconstruction project as follows: add \$4.428 million in Interstate Maintenance (IM) and Advanced Construction (AC) funding for planning and engineering and \$62.04 million in AC funding for construction in FY 2013, reduce funding in FY 2014 by \$2.18 million; and to include \$3 million in IM/AC funding for the evaluation and development of a quantitative rating system for all significant transportation projects in and near the Northern Virginia Transportation District; and to include \$1 million in Surface Transportation Program (STP) and matching funds for right-of-way acquisition and construction in FY 2013 for the widening of Eisenhower Avenue from Holland Road to Stovall Street, as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, these projects are already included in the air quality conformity analysis of the 2012 CLRP and FY 2013-2018 TIP or are 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 May 6, 2005, *Federal Register*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2013-2018 TIP to modify funding for the I-66/US 15 Interchange Reconstruction project as follows: add \$4.428 million in IM and AC funding for planning and engineering and \$62.04 million in AC funding for construction in FY 2013, reduce funding in FY 2014 by \$2.18 million; and to include \$3 million in IM/AC funding for the evaluation and development of a quantitative rating system for all significant transportation projects in and near the Northern Virginia Transportation District; and to include \$1 million in Surface Transportation Program (STP) and matching funds for right-of-way acquisition and construction in FY 2013 for the widening of Eisenhower Avenue from Holland Road to Stovall Street, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board Steering Committee at its regular meeting on January 11, 2013.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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GREGORY A. WHIRLEY
COMMISSIONER

January 10, 2013

The Honorable Scott York, Chairman
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
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Washington, DC 20002-4201

RE: National Capital Region FY 2013-2018 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Dear Chairman York:

The Virginia Department of Transportation requests amending of the FY 2013-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with the following funding changes to the following three projects.

The first action is to update the funding for a project that is in the current TIP - the I-66 /Rte 15 Interchange reconstruction project in Prince William County (UPC# 100566). The amendment is to reflect the latest planned funding obligation for the preliminary engineering, right of way and construction phases of the project. The proposed amendment adds about \$77M in new funding for the PE and CN phases while releasing about \$19M in previous planned obligation and includes moving about \$40.8M between two fiscal years from the three phases. The project was included in the air quality conformity analysis for the 2012 CLRP /FY 2013-2018 TIP which has since been approved by the FHWA and the FTA. The proposed changes in funding do not affect the project schedule and/or the approved air quality conformity findings.

The second funding action is to add a study to the TIP. The VDOT is required, per Virginia code § 33.1-13.03:1 (chapters 768, 825), to conduct a study to evaluate and develop a quantitative rating system for all significant transportation projects in and near the NoVA Transportation District. The proposed TIP amendment provides \$3M towards this study (UPC# 103910).

The third action is to reinstate a street improvement project in the City of Alexandria (Eisenhower Avenue widening project from Holland Road to Stovall Street, UPC# 77378). The proposed TIP modification moves \$800,000 in STP funds from FY12 to FY13 for the RW phase. The project was in the FY 2011-2016 TIP and is currently in VDOT's 2012-2015 STIP.

All of the funding proposed in this TIP amendment has been approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) as part of its FY 2013-2018 Six Year Improvement Program. The new funds proposed in the amendment were part of the total federal funding included in VDOT's financial plan for the 2010 CLRP update.

VDOT requests that this TIP Amendment be considered and acted upon by the Transportation Planning Board's Steering Committee at its meeting on January 11, 2013. VDOT's representative will attend the meeting and be available to answer any questions about the amendment. Please find attached a TIP Amendment spreadsheet outlining the funding for both projects.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rene'e Hamilton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Rene'e Hamilton
Asst. District Administrator – Planning and Investment
Northern Virginia District

cc: Ms. Dianne Mitchell, VDOT
Ms. Maria Sinner, VDOT-NoVA
Mr. Kanathur Srikanth, VDOT-NoVA

