

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
EMBARK RICHMOND HIGHWAY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT STUDY,
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 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 November 21, 2016, VDOT has requested that the FY 2017-2022 TIP be amended to include \$800,000 in FTA Section 5309 planning grant and matching funds in FY 2017 for the Embark Richmond Highway Comprehensive Plan Amendment Study, 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;

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 \$800,000 in FTA Section 5309 planning grant and matching funds in FY 2017 for the Embark Richmond Highway Comprehensive Plan Amendment Study, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board Steering Committee at its regular meeting on December 2, 2016.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

4975 Alliance Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030

CHARLES A. KILPATRICK, P.E.
COMMISSIONER

November 21, 2016

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

RE: National Capital Region FY 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program for the
Embark Richmond Highway Comprehensive Plan Amendment Study

Dear Chairman Lovain:

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requests an amendment to the FY 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add funding for the Embark Richmond Highway Comprehensive Plan Amendment Study. Fairfax County, Virginia will use a recently awarded Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant to supplement comprehensive planning efforts for transit oriented development around nine planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) stations along the Richmond Highway Corridor.

The TIP amendment adds \$800,000 to the TIP in FY 2017. Fifty percent (50%) of the funding will be provided by an FTA Section 5309 planning grant. The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) and Fairfax County will each contribute 25% of the project budget. VDOT staff has entered the amendment in the TPB's iTIP online database. This is a planning project and therefore will not affect the regional Air Quality Conformity Analysis. Additional information about this project is included in the attached letter from Fairfax County.

VDOT requests that this amendment be approved by the Transportation Planning Board's Steering Committee at its meeting on December 2, 2016. VDOT's representative will attend the meeting and will be available to answer any questions about the amendments.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen Cuervo".

Helen Cuervo, P.E.
District Administrator
Northern Virginia District

cc:

Ms. Larriee Henley, VDOT
Ms. Rene'e Hamilton, VDOT-NoVA
Ms. Maria Sinner, P.E., VDOT-NoVA
Ms. Susan Shaw, P.E., VDOT-NoVA
Mr. Norman Whitaker, AICP, VDOT-NoVA



County of Fairfax, Virginia

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods and diverse communities of Fairfax County

November 15, 2016

Helen Cuervo, P.E.
District Administrator, Northern Virginia District
Commonwealth of Virginia
Department of Transportation
4975 Alliance Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030

Dear Helen Cuervo, P.E.:

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) respectfully requests that the Virginia Department of Transportation amends the FY 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to add the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Pilot Program grant funding recently awarded to Fairfax County for the Embark Richmond Highway Comprehensive Plan Amendment project.

The County was awarded \$400,000 to supplement our current comprehensive planning efforts of transit oriented development (TOD) around the nine (9) planned BRT stations along the Richmond Highway corridor. We plan to use those funds to refine our planned grids of streets around those BRT stations, develop urban design standards for the corridor and to ensure the station areas are planned in such a way to maximize bicycle/pedestrian interaction, providing enhanced access to and from the BRT stations. The Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC) is named as a partner in the grant application.

Matching funds are provided from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), in the amount of \$200,000, and Fairfax County, also in the amount of \$200,000. Combined, this amount for use in the study is \$800,000.

The Embark Richmond Highway Comprehensive Planning project website is located here:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/embarkrichmondhwy/>

The FTA's announcement of the 2016 grant funds awards can be found here:
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/about/news/us-department-transportation-announces-147-million-improve-transit-access-selected>

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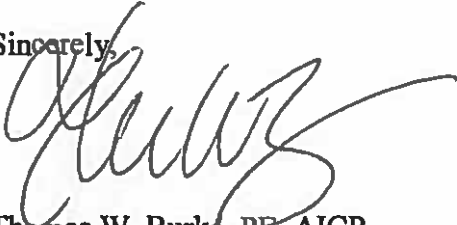


Helen Cuervo
November 15, 2016
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We are looking forward to utilizing the funds from this grant to create a string of vibrant, walkable, multimodal hubs along Richmond Highway in Fairfax County.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Burke', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Thomas W. Burke, PE, AICP
Senior Transportation Planner

cc: Norman Whitaker, VDOT-Northern Virginia District
Michael R. Lake, FCDOT
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**NORTHERN VIRGINIA
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)**

FY 2015 - 2020

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

Embark Richmond Highway (Study)

TIP ID: **6542** Agency ID: Title: **Embark Richmond Highway Comprehensive Plan Amendment** Project Cost: **\$800** Complete:

Facility: US 1 Richmond Highway Sect. 5309 50/25/25 800 d 800

From: **Total Funds: 800**

To:

Description: The County of Fairfax will receive funding to expand an ongoing comprehensive plan amendment process to improve access to transit and enable high quality mixed-use development around future BRT stations along Richmond Highway (Route 1). The planning work will support the continued expansion of Fort Belvoir, which currently has over 50,000 employees, by improving transit access to the facility and mitigating traffic congestion. Final outcomes will include station area concept plans, urban design guidelines, and a conceptual street grid layout.

Amendment: Add New Project **Approved on: 12/2/2016**

Amend project into the FY 2017-2022 TIP with \$800,000 in FTA Section 5309 grant funding in FY 2017.