

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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ITEM #5

MEMORANDUM

October 10, 2006

TO: Transportation Planning Board

FROM: Ronald F. Kirby
Director, Department of
Transportation Planning

RE: TPB Steering Committee Actions

At its meeting on October 6, 2006 the TPB Steering Committee approved the following resolutions:

- TPB SR10-2007 on an Amendment to the FY2006-2011 Transportation Improvement program (TIP) that is exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to fund preliminary engineering to widen a portion of Route 7 in Fairfax County and a study to widen the Leesburg Bypass in Loudoun County, as requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).
- TPB SR11-2007 on an amendment to the FY2006-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that is exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to include funding for a Bus and Paratransit Vehicle, as requested by the City of Gaithersburg.

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 2006-2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT
TO FUND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING TO WIDEN A PORTION OF ROUTE 7 IN
FAIRFAX COUNTY AND A STUDY TO WIDEN THE LEESBURG BYPASS 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 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2005 the TPB adopted the 2005 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and the FY 2006-2011 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of October 2, 2006, VDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2006-2011 TIP to include \$492,000 Federal Demonstration funds for preliminary engineering to widen Route 7 between Reston Parkway and Tyco Road in Fairfax County and \$15,000 Federal Demonstration funds for a study to widen Leesburg Bypass in Loudoun County as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, these projects are included in the current air quality conformity analysis for the 2005 CLRP and FY 2006-2011 TIP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2006-2011 TIP to include \$492,000 Federal Demonstration funds for preliminary engineering to widen Route 7 between Reston Parkway and Tyco Road in Fairfax County and \$15,000 Federal Demonstration funds for a study to widen Leesburg Bypass in Loudoun County , as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on October 6, 2006.

Sincerely,



Dennis C. Morrison
District Administrator
VDOT – Northern Virginia District

cc: Ms. Diane Mitchell, VDOT-PD	(w/ attach.)
Ms. Deborah Grant, VDOT-PD	“
Mr. Ben Mannell, VDOT-TMPD	“
Ms. Jo Anne Sorenson, VDOT-NoVA	“
Mr. Bud Siegel, PE, VDOT-NoVA	“
Ms. Carol Bondurant, VDOT-NoVA	“
Mr. John Lynch, PE, VDOT-NoVA	“
Mr. James Zeller, PE, VDOT-NoVA	“

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

PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENT - 09/28/2006 FY 2006-11
 Changes to existing entries are noted in bold.

Agency Project ID	Facility, Location, Description	Phase	FY05 TIP Entry	Prev Funding	Annual Element FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	Program Total FY 06-11	Funding Source	Funding Shares Fed/s/fo
VDOT PRIMARY													
52328	Facility: Rte 7 - Widen to 6 Lanes - PE only From: Reston Parkway To: Tyco Road Jurisdiction: Fairfax County	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$492 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$492	Fed - DEMO	80% 20%
Description: Widen the existing 4 lane roadway to 6 lanes within cited limits. Place \$492K of FED DEMO funding into the FY07 PE phase. Reason for Amendment: This project was included in the conformity analysis of the 2005 CLRP (2012).													
16006	Facility: Rte 7 - Widening - PE only From: Leesburg Bypass To: Jurisdiction: Loudoun County	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$15 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$15	Fed - DEMO	80% 20%
Description: Studies only for the widening of Leesburg Bypass from 4-lane divided to 6-lane divided on existing right of way. Place \$15K of FED DEMO funding into the FY07 PE phase. Reason for Amendment: This project was included in the conformity analysis of the 2005 CLRP (2015).													

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**RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO
THE FY 2006-2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT
TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR A BUS AND PARATRANSIT VEHICLE AS REQUESTED
BY THE CITY OF GAITHERSBURG**

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 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2005 the TPB adopted the 2005 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and the FY 2006-2011 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of October 5, 2006, the City of Gaithersburg has requested an amendment to the FY 2006-2011 TIP to include \$110,880 of Section 5309 Capital Bus Funds as identified in SAFETEA-LU together with City matching funds of \$29,712 to purchase one or more paratransit vehicles to transport elderly and frail elderly city residents 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 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 2006-2011 TIP to include \$110,880 of Section 5309 Capital Bus Funds as identified in SAFETEA-LU together with City matching funds of \$29,712 to purchase one or more paratransit vehicles to transport elderly and frail elderly city residents , as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on October 6, 2006.



Gaithersburg
A CHARACTER COUNTS! CITY

October 4, 2006

Michael Knapp, Chairman
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
777 North Capitol Street NE
Washington, DC 20002

RE: FTA Section 5309 Capital Bus Program Funds

Dear Chairman Knapp: *Mike*

This letter is to request an amendment to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's (MWCOC) FY06 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) as required by the Federal Transportation Administration. The City has been awarded \$110,880 from the FY06 SAFETEA-LU appropriation, and, as part of its application process, must ensure that relevant language is included in both the TIP and the State of Maryland Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). I understand that this request will satisfy the requirements for inclusion in the State Plan as well.

It is our intent to use these funds to purchase one or more paratransit vehicles to transport elderly and frail elderly residents living in the upper Montgomery County area from their homes, deliver them to the Gaithersburg Upcounty Senior Center at 80A Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland, and return them to their homes at the end of the day. This center is the only full-service senior center in the upper Montgomery County area, open Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The bus will also be used to transport seniors on special events and trips throughout the region. The vehicles, estimated to cost \$140,592, will be paid for with \$110,880 in FY06 SAFETEA-LU funds combined with City matching funds of approximately \$29,712.

Thank you for your assistance with this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Louise Kauffmann of my staff at (301) 258-6310 if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

David B. Humpton
City Manager

DBH:lmk

cc: Mayor and City Council
Rob Robinson, Planner

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**SUBURBAN MARYLAND
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)**

	FY 05	Carry Over	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	Source Fed/St/Loc	Source Total	Environ. Review
Transit											
1	Facility: Bus and Paratransit Vehicle for Seniors		141 e						Section 5309	141	
	From:								79 / / 21		
	To:										
	Jurisdiction: City of Gaithersburg								Total Funds:	\$141	
Description:	The City of Gaithersburg will purchase one or more paratransit vehicles to transport elderly and frail elderly residents living in the upper Montgomery County area from their homes, take them directly to the Gaithersburg Upcounty Senior Center at 80A Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland, and return them to their homes at the end of the day. The Gaithersburg Upcounty Senior Center is the only full-service senior center in the upper Montgomery County area, open Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The bus will also be used to transport seniors on special events and trips throughout the region. The vehicles, estimated to cost \$140,592, will be paid for with \$110,880 in FY06 SAFETEA-LU funds combined with City matching funds of approximately \$29,712.									Completion Year:	