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.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DAVID S. EKERN, P.E. COMMISSIONER DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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October 2, 2006

National Capital Region Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

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

Dear Chairman Knapp:

VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office requests amending the FY 2006-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add two primary road projects.

VDOT Primary Projects:

- <u>Rte 7 Widen to 6 Lanes, PE only project will widen the roadway between Reston Parkway and</u> Tyco Road. In FY07, \$492K of Federal Demonstration funding will be placed in the PE phase.
- <u>Rte 7 Widening, PE only project will widen Leesburg Bypass to a 6 lane divided roadway.</u> In FY07, \$15K of Federal Demonstration funding will be placed in the PE phase for a study only.

VDOT requests these amendments be approved by the TPB Steering Committee at its meeting on October 6, 2006. In terms of air quality conformity, the two primary projects were included in the conformity analysis of the 2005 CLRP.

Please call Jo Anne Sorenson at (703) 383-2461, if you need further information on this amendment. Upon approval of this amendment, please furnish copies of the approval to Ms. Sorenson and to Mr. Ben Mannell in VDOT's Transportation and Mobility Planning Division. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Sincerely,

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Dennis C. Morrison District Administrator VDOT - Northern Virginia District

cc:	Ms. Diane Mitchell, VDOT-PD	(w/ attach.)
	Ms. Deborah Grant, VDOT-PD	66
	Mr. Ben Mannell, VDOT-TMPD	66
	Ms. Jo Anne Sorenson, VDOT-NoVA	66
	Mr. Bud Siegel, PE, VDOT-NoVA	cc
	Ms. Carol Bondurant, VDOT-NoVA	66
	Mr. John Lynch, PE, VDOT-NoVA	66
	Mr. James Zeller, PE, VDOT-NoVA	۲۵

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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			-	FY05		Annual						Program			
Project				đ	Prev	Element						Total	Funding	Fu	Funding Shares
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52328	Facility: R	Facility: Rte 7 - Widen to 6 Lanes - PE only	P.E.	°	0	0	\$492	0	°	0	0	\$492	Fed - DEMO	80%	20%
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	To: T	Tyco Road	Const	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				_
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16006	Facility: R	Facility: Rte 7 - Widening - PE only	P.E.	0	°	0	\$15	0	•	0	0	\$15	Fed - DEMO	80%	20%
	From: Lt	From: Leesburg Bypass	ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	To:		Const	•	0	0	0	0	0	•	0				-
	Jurisdiction: L	Jurisdiction: Loudoun County	Descri	ption: Sti	vilies only	for the wide	ing of	Leesburg	Bypass	from 4-lan	he divide	I to 6-lane div	Description: Studies only for the widening of Leesburg Bypass from 4-lane divided to 6-lane divided on existing right of way.	right of v	vay.
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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.



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 (MWCOG) 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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FY 2006 - 2011

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 S 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 paratr take them directly to the Gaithersburg Upcounty Senior Co Gaithersburg Upcounty Senior Center is the only full-servi used to transport seniors on special events and trips throu combined with City matching funds of approximately \$29,	enter at 80A B ce senior cent ighout the reg	ureau Drive, Ga er in the upper N	thersburg, Mar	yland, and retur unty area, open	n them to their h Monday-Friday	nomes at the er 9:00 am to 4:0	d of the day. T 0 pm. The bus	he will also be	Completion Y	′ear:	