

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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Item #5

MEMORANDUM

November 6, 2006

To: Transportation Planning Board

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

RE: Steering Committee Actions

At its meeting of November 3, 2006, the TPB Steering Committee approved the following resolutions:

- TPB SR12-2007 on amendments to the FY2006-2011 and FY2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) that are exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to fund management support of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, utility relocation and building demolition near I-95, Pedestrian Safety Improvements along Route 236 in Fairfax County, three bridge replacement projects in Fairfax County, and two transit projects in Prince William County, as requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).
- TPB SR13-2007 on designation of the Inter-County Connector between I-370 and I-95 with the connection to US 1 as part of the National Highway System in Montgomery County and Prince George's County Maryland.

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 AMENDMENTS TO
THE FY 2006-2011 AND FY 2007-2012
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS (TIP)
THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT
TO FUND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT OF THE WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE, UTILITY
RELOCATION AND BUILDING DEMOLITION NEAR I-95, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
IMPROVEMENTS ALONG ROUTE 236 IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, THREE BRIDGE
REPLACEMENT PROJECTS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, AND TWO TRANSIT PROJECTS
IN PRINCE WILLIAM 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, on October 20, 2006 the TPB adopted the 2006 CLRP and the FY 2007-2012 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of October 26, 2006, VDOT has requested amendments to the FY 2006-2011 and FY 2007-2012 TIPs to include funding for the following projects:

- management support for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project on I-95;
- utility relocation and building demolition for the Telegraph Road Interchange reconstruction project on I-95;
- sidewalk and pedestrian signal safety improvements along Route 236 in Fairfax County;
- a bridge replacement on Route 676 over Rocky Run, on Route 611 over Pike Run, and on Route 671 over Difficult Run in Fairfax County;
- construction of a second VRE bridge over Quantico Creek, and the PRTC commuter assistance program in Prince William County, as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, these projects 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 2006-2011 and FY 2007-2012 TIPs to include funding for the following projects:

- management support for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project on I-95;
- utility relocation and building demolition for the Telegraph Road Interchange reconstruction project on I-95;
- sidewalk and pedestrian signal safety improvements along Route 236 in Fairfax County;
- a bridge replacement on Route 676 over Rocky Run, on Route 611 over Pike Run, and on Route 671 over Difficult Run in Fairfax County;
- construction of a second VRE bridge over Quantico Creek, and the PRTC commuter assistance program in Prince William County, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on November 3, 2006.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DAVID S. EKERN, P.E.
COMMISSIONER

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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October 26, 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 and the FY 2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add/update three interstate, one primary, three secondary, and two transit projects. All of the proposed amendments are categorically exempt from air quality conformity analysis. VDOT requests these amendments be approved by the TPB's Steering Committee at its meeting on November 3, 2006.

VDOT Interstate Projects:

- The Rte 95 – Securing of Consultant for the regional Woodrow Wilson Bridge project. The proposed amendment will provide \$48M in additional federal funding obligation, in FY07, for the continued management, coordination, scheduling, administration, and community relations activities. The additional funding authorization will be derived using the advanced construction mechanism and FRAN funds in Virginia.

- The Rte 95 – Advance Utility Relocation and Building Demolition, in the City of Alexandria/Fairfax County, will install utility relocations and demolish buildings prior to the Telegraph Road Interchange reconstruction project. The proposed amendment will increase existing FY07 CN funding from \$1,000K to \$5,771K using Federal Demonstration funds.

VDOT Primary Projects:

- The Rte 236 – Install Pedestrian Safety Measures project, in Fairfax County, will construct new sidewalks and pedestrian signals along Rte 236. The proposed amendment will: add \$128K in preliminary engineering funding in FY07; add \$585K in right of way funding in FY07 (was \$360K in FY05), and add \$457K in construction funding in FY08 (was \$372K in FY07) using Federal STP and State funds.

VDOT Secondary Project:

- Rte 676 – Bridge Replacement over Rocky Run will replace the bridge located at 0.15 mile from Route 738 in Fairfax County. This is a new TIP project and will add \$180K of Federal Bridge funding in the FY07 for preliminary engineering.
- Rte 611 – Bridge Replacement over Pike Run will replace the bridge located at 0.08 mile from Route 1445 in Fairfax County. This is a new TIP project and will add \$273K of Federal Bridge funding in the FY07 for preliminary engineering.
- Rte 671 – Bridge Replacement over Difficult Run will replace the bridge located at 0.05 mile from Route 669 in Fairfax County. This is a new TIP project and will add \$124K of Federal Bridge funding in the FY07 for preliminary engineering.

VDOT Transit Projects:

- VRE Bridge over Quantico Creek in Prince William County will construct a second VRE bridge over Quantico Creek and install a second track parallel to the

existing single-track crossing. This is a new project and will place \$5,375K in the construction phase in FY07 using TEA-21 High Priority funds.

- PRTC Commuter Assistance Program will provide comprehensive transit commute matching services for Prince William County, Manassas, and Manassas Park. The proposed amendment will add \$300K in the construction phase in FY07 using federal CMAQ funds. Previous funding included \$600K in preliminary engineering funds in FY06.

Please call Mr. John Barr at (703) 383-2212, if you need further information on this amendment. Upon approval of this amendment, please furnish copies of the approval to Ms. Jo Anne Sorenson (VDOT's Northern Virginia office) and to Mr. Ben Mannell in VDOT's Transportation and Mobility Planning Division in Richmond. Thank you for your consideration of and action on this request.

Sincerely,


Asst. Dist. Engrs.
for

Dennis C. Morrison
District Administrator
VDOT – Northern Virginia District

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

PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENT - 10/26/2006

FY 2006-11

Changes to existing entries are noted in **bold**.

Agency Project ID	Facility, Location, Description	Phase	FY05 TIP Entry	Carry Over	Annual Element FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	Program Total FY 06-11	Funding Source	Funding Shares Fed/st/lo	
VDOT INTERSTATE														
17071	Facility: Rte 95 - Securing of Consultant-PE only From: Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project To: (Studies only) Jurisdiction: Alexandria	P.E.	0	0	0	\$48,339	0	0	0	0	\$48,339	Fed - AC NH	90%	10%
		ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
		Const	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Reason for Amendment		Description: Management, coordination, scheduling, administration and community relations in support of WWB												
Air Quality		Add \$48,339K of FED AC NH funding into the FY07 PE phase. Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.												
72717	Facility: Rte 95 - Advance Utility Reloc./Bldg Demo From: West of Telegraph Road To: East of Telegraph Road Jurisdiction: NoVA Districtwide	P.E.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$5,771	Fed - DEMO	100%	
		ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
		Const	0	0	0	\$5,771	0	0	0	0	0			
Reason for Amendment		Description: Advance utility relocations and building relocation prior to Telegraph Road Interchange reconstruction.												
Air Quality		Add \$5,771K of FED DEMO funding into the FY07 CN phase. Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.												
VDOT PRIMARY														
63717	Facility: Rte 236 - Install Pedestrian Safety Measures From: West I-395 To: Beauregard Street Jurisdiction: Fairfax County	P.E.	0	0	0	\$128	0	0	0	0	\$493	Fed - STP Other	80%	20%
		ROW	0	0	0	\$585	0	0	0	0	0			
		Const	0	0	0	0	\$457	0	0	0	0			
Reason for Amendment		Description: Implement and install pedestrian safety measures.												
Air Quality		Update FY07 and FY08 funding for PE, RW, and CN phases. Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.												
VDOT SECONDARY														
76247	Facility: Rte 676 - Bridge Replacement over Rocky Run From: 0.15 Mile from Rte 738 To: Structure #6137 Jurisdiction: Fairfax County	P.E.	0	0	0	\$180	0	0	0	0	\$180	Fed - BR	80%	20%
		ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
		Const	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Reason for Amendment		Description: Replace bridge over Rocky Run.												
Air Quality		Add \$180K of FED BR funding into the FY07 PE phase. Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.												
76248	Facility: Rte 611 - Bridge Replacement over Pike Run From: 0.08 Mile from Rte 1445 To: Structure #6264 Jurisdiction: Fairfax County	P.E.	0	0	0	\$273	0	0	0	0	\$273	Fed - BR	80%	20%
		ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
		Const	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Reason for Amendment		Description: Replace bridge over Pike Run.												
Air Quality		Add \$273K of FED BR funding into the FY07 PE phase. Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.												
76251	Facility: Rte 671 - Bridge Replacement over Difficult Run From: 0.05 Mile from Rte 669 To: Structure #6073 Jurisdiction: Fairfax County	P.E.	0	0	0	\$124	0	0	0	0	\$124	Fed - BR	80%	20%
		ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
		Const	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Reason for Amendment		Description: Replace bridge over Difficult Run.												
Air Quality		Add \$124K of FED BR funding into the FY07 PE phase. Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.												

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
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VDOT TRANSIT															
T32	Facility: VRE Bridge over Quantico Creek	P.E.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$5,375	Fed - HPD	80%	20%	
	From: at Quantico Creek	ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	To: District	Const	0	0	0	\$5,375	0	0	0	0					
	Jurisdiction: District	Description: Construct second VRE bridge over Quantico Creek and install a second track parallel to the existing single-track crossing.													
	Reason for Amendment	New Project. Places \$5,375 of CN funds in FY07													
	Air Quality	Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.													
T1833	Facility: PRTC Commuter Assistance Program	P.E.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$300	Fed - CMAQ	80%	20%	
	From: District	ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	To: District	Const	0	0	0	\$300	0	0	0	0					
	Jurisdiction: District	Description: Provides comprehensive transit commute matching services for Prince William Co., Manassas, and Manassas Park.													
	Reason for Amendment	Ridematching services are coordinated with the regional MWCOG commuter connection database.													
	Air Quality	Add \$300K of CMAQ funding into the FY07 CN phase. Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.													

Note: The following funding definitions apply:

1. Fed BR is Bridge Replacement funds
2. AC NH is advanced construction of NH funds.
3. Fed STP is Surface Transportation Program funds.
4. Fed DEMO is Federal Demonstration funds.
5. Fed HPD is TEA-21 High Priority

TPB SR13-2007
November 3, 2006

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

**RESOLUTION ON DESIGNATION OF THE INTER-COUNTY CONNECTOR
BETWEEN I-370 AND I-95 WITH THE CONNECTION TO US 1 AS PART OF THE
NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND**

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 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, the Inter-County Connector is included in the Financially-Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan for the National Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Functional Classification System of Highways for the State of Maryland was approved by the TPB on December 16, 1992; and

WHEREAS, revisions to the Federal Functional Classification System of Highways must be done in coordination and cooperation with the MPO and affected Maryland counties and jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of October 30, 2006, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) has requested the Federal Highway Administration to designate the portion of the Inter-County Connector between I-370 and I-95, including the connection to US 1, as part of the National Highway System in the Federal Functional Classification System of Highways in Montgomery County and Prince George's County, as described in the attached correspondence; and

WHEREAS, the attached correspondence contains letters of concurrence from Montgomery County and Prince George's County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board concurs in the designation of the portion of the Inter-County Connector between I-370 and I-95, including the connection to US 1, as part of the National Highway System in the Federal Functional Classification System in Montgomery County and Prince George's County, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on November 3, 2006.



Maryland Department of Transportation
The Secretary's Office

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

Michael S. Steele
Lt. Governor

Robert L. Flanagan
Secretary

James F. Ports, Jr.
Deputy Secretary

October 30, 2006

The Honorable Michael Knapp, Chairman
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
777 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002-4290

Dear Chairman Knapp:

The Maryland Department of Transportation is requesting the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to designate the portion of the Inter-County Connector between I-370 and I-95, including the connection to US 1, as part of the National Highway System. The attached correspondence contains letters of concurrence from Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. Once we have concurrence from the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board, we will submit a package to the FHWA for approval.

This designation request was technically generated by FHWA, to ensure that procedure is followed in the proper designation of this highway as listed in the most recent Federal Transportation Act; SAFETEA-LU. As it has already successfully undergone the Federal Functional Classification process, the NHS designation will confirm this highway's status in providing the National Capital Region with another viable and vital transportation alternative, while enhancing safety, security, and traffic flow in this critical region.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. James E. Thompson, Assistant Division Chief of Regional and Intermodal Planning, Maryland State Highway Administration at 410-545-5675, toll-free at 800-204-4828, or via e-mail at jthompson@sha.state.md.us. He will be pleased to assist you. Of course, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Lyn Erickson
Assistant Director, Office of Planning

Attachments

cc: Ms. Kellie Gaver, Deputy Director, Office of Planning, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Ronald Kirby, Director of Transportation, MWCOG
Mr. Mike Nixon, Regional Planning/Programming Manager, Office of Planning, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. James E. Thompson, Assistant Division Chief Regional Intermodal Planning, Maryland State Highway Administration

My telephone number is _____.

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Douglas M. Duncan
County Executive

July 13, 2006

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OFFICE OF PLANNING

Mr. Neil Pedersen, Administrator
Maryland State Highway Administration
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. ^{Neil} Pedersen:

I am pleased to give my concurrence to the designation of the Intercounty Connector (ICC) as part of the National Highway System (NHS). As the locality served by the majority of the ICC, both in terms of its length (approximately 16 of its total 18 miles), and in terms of its connectivity (6 of its 9 interchanges/intersections), Montgomery County will directly benefit from its implementation. However, it is clear to me that it is a necessary addition to the NHS for national reasons as well. These reasons, as identified in the Purpose and Need document justifying the ICC, range from the homeland security of the National Capital Region to the facilitation of the movement of people and goods between economic centers. Therefore, I strongly concur with the NHS designation for the ICC.

Thank you for taking into account my views as part of this designation process. The continuing efforts undertaken by you and the staff of the State Highway Administration to design and construct the ICC are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Douglas M. Duncan
County Executive

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Jack B. Johnson
County Executive

THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE



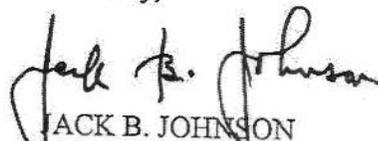
February 14, 2006

Mr. Raja Veeramachaneni
Director
Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering
Maryland State Highway Administration
P.O. Box 717, MS C411
Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717

Dear Mr. Veeramachaneni:

I support the State Highway Administration's proposal to designate the portion of the Inter County Connector (ICC) between I-370 and I-95 as part of the National Highway System (NHS). This roadway project would provide a vital connection for the economic and transportation systems of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. The ICC would provide a link that relieves three severely overburdened sections of the Interstate System and create a freeway corridor that supports federal facilities and regional growth centers associated with the nations capital. Given the increased possibility of terrorism in this region, the ICC would also advance homeland security measures by reinforcing the ability of the NHS to provide critical mobility in the Washington Metropolitan area. I encourage the Maryland Department of Transportation to pursue NHS designation of this facility as rapidly as possible.

Sincerely,


JACK B. JOHNSON
County Executive

cc: Mr. Nelson Castellanos, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration
The Honorable Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary, Maryland Dept. of Transportation
Mr. Ronald Kirby, Director, MWCOG
Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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