

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO
THE FY 2009-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS
EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO MODIFY THE
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) FUNDING FOR TWO BUS
TRANSIT PROJECTS IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY AND TO ADD ARRA FUNDING
FOR A BUS SHELTER PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG AND
STAFFORD 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 the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) of 2005 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 19, 2008 the TPB adopted amendments to the FY 2009-2014 TIP which was adopted on July 16, 2008; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), which includes substantial new funding for the nation's transportation system, was enacted; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2009, the TPB adopted Resolution R19-2009 to amend the FY 2009-2014 TIP to add \$9,786,000 in ARRA funding for three Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) bus transit projects in Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of April 8, 2009, VDOT on behalf of the PRTC has requested and amendment to the FY 2009-2014 TIP to reduce the ARRA funding for two of the ARRA bus transit projects in Prince William County and to add \$114,000 in ARRA funding for the FRED system bus stop signage and bus shelter program in the City of Fredericksburg and Stafford 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 NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD amends the FY 2009-2014 TIP to reduce the ARRA funding for two of the ARRA bus transit projects in Prince William County and to add \$114,000 in ARRA funding for the FRED system bus stop signage and bus shelter program in the City of Fredericksburg and Stafford County, as described in the attached materials .

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on April 15, 2009.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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DAVID S. EKERN, P.E.
COMMISSIONER

April 8, 2009

National Capital Region
Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

The Honorable Charles A. Jenkins
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 Jenkins:

On behalf of the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC), VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office requests amending the FY 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to change FTA Stimulus funding (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) on two projects and add one new project as outlined below. These projects will not have any significant impact on the regional air quality conformity determination as they are either exempt from air quality analysis or ongoing projects.

- PRCT Bus Shelter Program. The scope for this project includes engineering and design for the installation of bus shelters, pads, benches and access improvements. The proposed amendment reduces FTA Stimulus Formula funding in FY09 by \$1 K (from \$39 K to \$38 K). This project was amended into the FY09-14 TIP at the March 18, 2009, TPB meeting.
- PRTC Bus Acquisition / Replacement Program. Project scope includes replacement of existing buses within the PRTC fleet that have met their useful life, and the purchase of new buses for expansion. The proposed amendment decreases FTA Stimulus Formula funding in FY09 by \$79 K (from \$836 K to \$757 K). This project was also amended into the FY09-14 TIP at the March 18, 2009, TPB meeting.
- FRED Bus Stop Signage and Bus Shelter Program. The requested amendment will add \$114 K in FTA Stimulus Formula funding in FY09 for the acquisition and installation of bus stop signage, information and bus shelters at various locations in the City of Fredericksburg and Stafford County on the FRED bus system.

Hon. Charles A. Jenkins
April 8, 2009
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Correspondence from PRTC is attached for your information.

Thank you for your consideration of and action on this request.

Sincerely,

Jo Anne Sorenson
Asst. Dist. Engr.
for

Morteza Salehi
District Administrator
VDOT – Northern Virginia District

Attachments

cc: Ms. Marie Berry, DRPT (w/ attach.)
Ms. Jo Anne Sorenson, VDOT-NoVA “
Ms. Betsy Massie, PRTC “



Potomac and Rappahannock
Transportation Commission

April 7, 2009

Mr. Morteza Salehi
District Administrator
Virginia Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Salehi:

The Potomac & Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) requests project amendments to the FY 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reflect project funding updates for Stimulus Funding. These projects are already accounted for in the current conformity analysis, or are ongoing conformity-exempt transit projects in the TIP. The changes we wish to be made to the FY2009-2014 TIP are indicated in boldface in the attached spreadsheet and outlined below:

- PRTC Bus Shelter Program. Engineering and design for the installation of bus shelters, pads, benches and access improvements. The proposed amendment reduces by \$1K FTA Stimulus Formula funding in FY09 from \$39K to \$38K.
- PRTC Bus Acquisition/Replacement Program. Replacement of existing buses within the PRTC fleet that have met their useful life and purchase of buses for expansion. The proposed amendment would decrease by \$79K FTA Stimulus Formula funding in FY09 from \$836k to \$757K.
- FRED Bus Stop Signage and Bus Shelter Program. The proposed amendment would add \$114K in FTA Stimulus Formula funding in FY09 for the acquisition and installation of bus stop signage, information and bus shelters.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Betsy Massie at (703) 580-6113 or at bmassie@omniride.com. We greatly appreciate Mr. Hodgson's continuing assistance in facilitating this action.

Sincerely,

Alfred H. Harf
Executive Director

cc: with attachments: Betsy Massie, PRTC
Jennifer Straub, VRE
Gerald Miller, MWCOG
Randy Hodgson, VDOT
Marie Berry, VDRPT

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)

TIP AMENDMENT 4/15/09

FY 2009 - 2014 TIP

Changes to existing entries are noted in bold.

Agency Project ID	Facility, Location, Description	Phase	Previous Funding	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	Program Total FY 09-14	Funding Source	Funding Fed	Shares St	Lo
DRPT - TRANSIT														
FRED 0001	FRED-Bus Stop Signage & Bus Shelter Program	P.E.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$114	Stimulus Formula	100%	0%	0%
	Facility:	ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	From:	Const	0	\$114	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
	To:													
	Jurisdiction:	City of Fredericksburg, Stafford County												
	Description:	Replace bus stop signage, which is outdated, to include FRED telephone number and web site address. Funds will also be used to place bus shelters at various stops and bus route information at stops.												
	Reason for Amendment	Add \$114 of FTA Stimulus Funds to FY09 CN phase.												
	Air Quality	Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.												
PRTC 0001	PRTC - Bus Shelter Program	P.E.	0	\$69	\$31	\$31	\$31	\$31	\$31	\$31	Section 5307	80%	20%	0%
	Facility:	ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Stimulus Formula	100%	0%	0%
	From:	Const	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	To:													
	Jurisdiction:	Prince William County & Cities of Manassas & Manassas Park												
	Description:	Engineering and design for the installation of bus shelters, pads, benches and access improvements in locations throughout Prince William County and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park.												
	Reason for Amendment	Decrease PE funding in FY 09 from \$70K to \$69K.												
	Air Quality	Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.												
PRTC 0005	PRTC - Bus Acquisition/Replacement Program	P.E.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Section 5309 Earmark	80%	20%	0%
Formerly T158	Facility:	ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Stimulus Formula	100%	0%	0%
	From:	Const	0	\$1,845	\$3,621	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Section 5309	80%	20%	0%
	To:													
	Jurisdiction:	Prince William County												
	Description:	Replacement of existing buses within the PRTC fleet that have met their useful life and purchase of buses for expansion												
	Reason for Amendment	Decrease FTA Stimulus Formula funds from \$836K to \$757 in FY2009 CN Phase.												
	Air Quality	Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.												

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*;

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