

TPB R27-2009
May 20, 2009

**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 ADD \$11.7
MILLION IN AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) FUNDING
FOR BUS REPLACEMENTS IN CHARLES, FREDERICK AND PRINCE GEORGE'S
COUNTIES, AS REQUESTED BY THE
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT)**

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, in the attached letter of May 8, 2009, MDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2009-2014 TIP to add \$1.771 million in ARRA funding (5307 grant) for medium bus replacements, facility upgrades and fareboxes in Charles County, \$3.025 million in ARRA funding (5307 grant) for various bus and vehicle replacements and facility upgrades in Frederick County, and \$6.9 million in ARRA funding (5307 grant) for heavy duty bus replacements in Prince George's 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 add \$1.771 million in ARRA funding (5307 grant) for medium bus replacements, facility upgrades and fareboxes in Charles County, \$3.025 million in ARRA funding (5307 grant) for various bus and vehicle replacements and facility upgrades in Frederick County, and \$6.9 million in ARRA funding (5307 grant) for heavy duty bus replacements in Prince George's County, as described in the attached materials .

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on May 20, 2009.



Maryland Department of Transportation
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May 8, 2009

Mr. Ronald F. Kirby
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Dear Mr. Kirby:

As you are aware, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was signed into law on February 17, 2009. Thanks to your help, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) has been able to obligate the first 50 percent of the funding allocated to us for what we have called our "Phase 1" projects. MDOT has also developed the State portion of our "Phase 2" project list. These are projects that have already been approved in the 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and are exempt from Air Quality Conformity. These projects are found in the TIP in our System Preservation Program section listed by funding category. Because the amount of ARRA funding we plan to use exceeds the amount we currently have programmed for the following project categories by more than 20 percent, MDOT requests an amendment to the 2009-2014 TIP.

Please add the following funding amount to the category below and identify the funding source as 100% Federal ARRA Funding:

- Small Urban Systems – Capital (TIP #TM-23-3) - \$4,795,273 (5307 grant), which includes:
 - Charles County – Medium Bus Replacements and Facility Upgrades & Electronic Fareboxes
 - Frederick County – Various Bus and Vehicle Replacements and Facility & Equipment Upgrades
- Local Bus Replacement – Montgomery & Prince George's (TIP #TM19-3) - \$6.9 million (5307 grant), for the Prince George's Heavy Duty Transit Bus Replacement project.

You will find a list of specific projects we intend to fund within these categories as well as the detailed TIP forms in the attachments. The MARC projects on this list were processed through an Administrative Modification on April 15, 2009. Please refer to the Montgomery County TIP Amendment request for the \$6,900,000 Montgomery County Heavy Duty Transit Bus Replacement projects (Bus Purchases and Bus Dispatch Software).

Mr. Ronald F. Kirby
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This action marks the completion of the amendment and administrative modification requests for MDOT's portion of the ARRA funding. Our local partners will also be processing amendments for their portion of the ARRA funding. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Lyn Erickson at 410-865-1279, toll-free at 888-713-1414 or via email at lerickson@mdot.state.md.us. Of course, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



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Office of Planning and Capital Programming

Attachments

cc: Ms. Lyn Erickson, Manager, Regional Planning, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, Maryland Department of Transportation
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Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator, State Highway Administration
Mr. Paul Wiedefeld, Administrator, Maryland Transit Administration

**AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT
LOCAL AREA TRANSIT SYSTEMS and TRANSIT STATION FUNDING**

Area	Allocation Description	Total Cost
Washington Area		
Prince George's County	Heavy Duty Transit Bus Replacements	\$6,900,000
	Southbound platform rehabilitation at MARC Laurel Station	\$2,100,000
	MARC Muirkirk Sidewalk Retaining Wall Repair	\$200,000
	subtotal	\$9,200,000
Charles	Medium Bus Replacements	\$1,337,000
	Facility upgrades and electronic fareboxes	\$433,800
	subtotal	\$1,770,800
Frederick	Various Bus and Vehicle Replacements	\$1,357,722
	Facility & Equipment Upgrades	\$1,666,751
	subtotal	\$3,024,473

Note Montgomery County projects being submitted by the County:

Montgomery County	Heavy Duty Transit Bus Replacements	\$6,550,000
	Bus Dispatch software	\$350,000

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

Previous Funding	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	Source Fed/St/Loc	Source Total

MDOT/Maryland Transit Administration

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Local Bus Replacement - Montgomery & Prince George's

Agency Project ID: 0892/0893 Title: Local Bus Acquisition

Facility:	10,240 e	3,558 e	3,558 e	3,558 e	3,558 e	3,558 e	ARRA/5307	Complete:
From:							100 / 0 / 0	9,900
To:							State	18,130
							0 / 100 / 0	
	Total Funds:							28,030

Description: The State of Maryland will allocate funds for the replacement of buses that have exceeded their useful life. The buses will replace older buses used by Prince George's County and Montgomery County in the delivery of local transit service. Additional ARRA funds are also shown in Montgomery County's program for this same project category under the titles of "Bus Dispatch Software" and "Bus Purchases".

ARRA Administrative Modification

Changed source of \$3.0 million to ARRA/Section 5307 (100% Federal).

ARRA Amendment

Add \$6.9 million in ARRA/Section 5307 funds to FY 2009 for the Prince George's Heavy Duty Transit Bus Replacement Project. Please refer to the Montgomery County section of the TIP for the \$6.9 million Montgomery County Heavy Duty Transit Bus Replacement projects (Bus Purchases and Bus Dispatch Software).

Approved on: 2/18/2009

Proposed for Amendment on: 5/20/2009

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

Previous Funding	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	Source Fed/St/Loc	Source Total
Small Urban Systems - Capital								
Agency Project ID: Multiple Title: Small Urban Systems - Capital								
Facility:	2,625 e	6,795 e	534 e	534 e	534 e	534 e	ARRA/5307	4,795
From:							100 / 0 / 0	
To:							ARRA/5309-B	2,000
							100 / 0 / 0	
							Section 5307	2,136
							80 / 20 / 0	
							Total Funds:	8,931

Complete:

Description: Provision of vehicles, equipment and other projects in support of public transportation in small urbanized areas. Federal assistance from 49 U.S.C. Section 5307. Project selection based on applications from local providers.

ARRA Administrative Modification

Changed source of \$2.0 million to ARRA/Section 5307 (100% Federal).

ARRA Amendment

Add \$4.8 million of ARRA/Section 5307 funds to FY 2009. for:

- Charles County:
 - Medium Bus Replacements (\$1,337 million)
 - Facility Upgrades and Electronic Fareboxes (\$433,800)

- Frederick County
 - Various Bus and Vehicle Replacements (\$1,358 million)
 - Facility & Equipment Upgrades (\$1,667 million)

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