

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

**RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2019-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE ELECTRIC BUS GRANTS PROJECT, AS REQUESTED BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MCDOT)**

**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 Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act 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 October 17, 2018 the TPB adopted the FY 2019-2024 TIP; and

**WHEREAS**, in the attached letter of August 26, 2019, MCDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2019-2024 TIP to rename the "Low or No Emissions FTA Electric Bus Grant" project to "Electric Bus Grants," and to include \$8.73 million in FTA Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Program (Section 5339-b) and local match funding for this project (TIP ID 6616), as described in the attached materials; and

**WHEREAS**, this project is exempt from the air quality conformity requirement, as defined in Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Regulations as of April 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for this project is included in the Visualize 2045 financial analysis; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2019-2024 TIP to rename the "Low or No Emissions FTA Electric Bus Grant" project to "Electric Bus Grants," and to include \$8.73 million in Section 5339-b and local match funding for this project (TIP ID 6616), as described in the attached materials.





DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Marc Elrich  
*County Executive*

Al R. Roshdieh  
*Director*

August 26, 2019

The Honorable Martin Nohe, Chair  
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
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Dear Chairman Nohe:

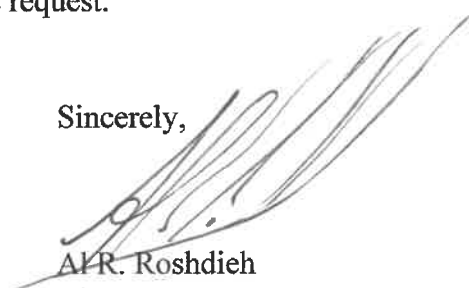
The Montgomery County Department of Transportation requests an amendment to the FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add FY 2020 funding to an existing TIP project, ID 6616, to purchase ten additional electric buses. The funding associated with this amendment is from a Federal Transit Administration Bus and Bus Facilities Grant.

The TIP amendment is to update the Ride On bus fleet by replacing ten 40-foot diesel buses with ten 40-foot battery electric buses, and to procure and install ten depot chargers. This amendment is the second round of zero-emissions buses. Additional financial details are included in the attached TIP table.

Montgomery County requests approval of this TIP amendment by the Transportation Planning Board's Steering Committee at its meeting on September 6, 2019.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Al R. Roshdieh  
Director

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Attachment

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**SUBURBAN MARYLAND  
 FY 2019-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
 CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)**

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Source Total
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**Montgomery County**

TIP ID: <b>6616</b>	Agency ID:	Title: <b>Electric Bus Grants</b>	Complete: <b>2020</b>						Total Cost: <b>\$13,125</b>
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Facility: Silver Spring Depot Charging Stations	Sect. 5339(b)	80/0/20		8,730 e					8,730
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From:	Sect. 5339(c)	80/0/20		4,395 e					4,395
To:									

**Total Funds: 13,125**

Description: Procure and install fourteen bus depot chargers, replace four 30' diesel buses with four 35' E2 battery electric buses, and ten 40' diesel buses with ten 40' battery electric buses. The buses are Montgomery County's first zero-emission buses and would be a component of green and sustainable initiatives underway in the county.

**Amendment: Add Funding for FY 2020 and Change Project Title.** **Requested on: 9/6/2019**  
 Amendment to the FY 19-24 TIP to include \$8.73 million for the purchase of ten 40' battery electric buses and to procure and install ten depot chargers. These buses and chargers are reflected in the project description above. The amendment also changes the project title from "Low or No Emissions FTA Electric Bus grant" to "Electric Bus Grants."