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MEMORANDUM

November 8, 2004

TO: Transportation Planning Board

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

RE: Steering Committee Actions

At its meeting of November 5, 2004, the TPB Steering Committee approved the following resolution:

- ❖ **TPB SR6-2005: Resolution on an Amendment to the FY2004-2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that is exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to Modify the Funding and Phasing for Four Congestion Relief Projects in the City of Alexandria, the City of Fairfax, and Fairfax County, and to fund a Secondary Road Project in Loudoun County and a Real-time Transit Information Project in the City of Alexandria as requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT);**

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."

TPB SR6- 2005
November 5, 2004

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002**

**RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO
THE FY 2004-2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT
TO MODIFY THE FUNDING AND PHASING FOR FOUR CONGESTION RELIEF
PROJECTS IN: THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, CITY OF FAIRFAX, AND FAIRFAX
COUNTY, AND TO FUND A SECONDARY ROAD PROJECT IN LOUDOUN COUNTY
AND A REAL-TIME TRANSIT INFORMATION PROJECT IN THE CITY OF
ALEXANDRIA 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 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2003 the TPB adopted the 2003 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and the FY 2004-2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of October 29, 2004, VDOT on behalf of the City of Alexandria, Loudoun County, and itself, has requested an amendment to the FY 2004-2009 TIP to modify the funding and phasing for four congestion relief projects located in the City of Alexandria, City of Fairfax, and Fairfax County, and to fund preliminary engineering for a secondary road project in Loudoun, and to fund a real-time transit information project in the City of Alexandria, as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, these projects are included in the current conformity analysis or 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 August 15, 1997 *Federal Register*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2004-2009 TIP to modify the funding and phasing for four congestion relief projects located the City of Alexandria, City of Fairfax, and Fairfax County, and to fund preliminary engineering for a secondary road project

in Loudoun and a real-time transit information project in the City of Alexandria, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on November 5, 2004.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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PHILIP A. SHUCET
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DENNIS C. MORRISON
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

October 29, 2004

**National Capital Region
Transportation Improvement Program Amendment**

**The Honorable Christopher Zimmerman
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 Zimmerman

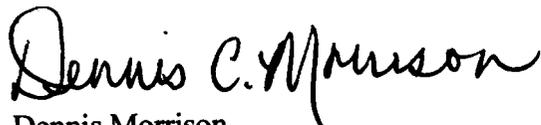
On behalf of the City of Alexandria (request attached), Loudoun County (request attached), and itself; the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requests an amendment (also attached) to the FY 2004-2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Table 1 describes the individual projects included in the TIP amendment, including the reason(s) each project is included in this request, conformity status, and funding implications. In summary, this amendment will modify funding amounts and move project phases into FY 2005 for four congestion relief projects and a Loudoun County secondary road project, and add ITS earmark funds to an existing TIP entry for the City of Alexandria. None of these projects will adversely affect the conformity analyses performed for the FY-04 TIP.

VDOT requests that this amendment be approved by the TPB Steering Committee at its meeting on November 5, 2004.

The Honorable Christopher Zimmerman
October 29, 2004
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Please call Jo Anne Sorenson at (703) 383-2461, if you need further information. Upon approval of this amendment, please furnish copies of the approval to Ms. Sorenson and to Ms. Marsha Fiol, Division Chief, for VDOT's Transportation and Mobility Planning Division. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis C. Morrison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Dennis Morrison
NoVA District Administrator

attachments

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

PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENT - 11/05/04

FY 2004-2009

Changes to existing entries are noted in bold.

Agency Project ID	Facility, Location, Description	Phase	FY03 TIP Entry	Carry Over	Annual Element FY 04	FY 05	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	Program Total FY 04-09	Funding Source	Funding Shares Fed/st/lo
VDOT BIKE & PED													
70600	Facility: US 29 (Lee Highway) Fairfax Circle	P.E.	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	\$400	STP	80% 20%
	From: @ US 50	ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0		
	To:	Const	0	0	0	338	0	0	0	0	\$0		
	Jurisdiction: City of Fairfax,	Review & revise signing & pavement marking, install missing sidewalk segments, provide pedestrian crosswalks & signals, etc.											
VDOT ITS													
No ID	Facility: Real-Time Transit Information	P.E.	0	0	0	353	0	0	0	0	\$0	Gov.'s Cong. Relief	100%
	From: for DASH and WMATA Patrons	ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$706	ITS Earmk	50% 7% 43%
	To: Citywide	Const	0	0	0	0	353	0	0	0			
	Jurisdiction: Alexandria,	Provide / implement real-time transit information for DASH and WMATA transit patrons.											
70599	Facility: VA 236 (Duke St.) Congestion Relief	P.E.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$732	STP	80% 20%
	From: I-395	ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	To: Telegraph Road	Const	0	0	0	732	0	0	0	0			
	Jurisdiction: Alexandria,	Reduce congestion on Route 236 Duke Street, improve existing transit service reliability, and improve the accessibility for peds.											
FAIRFAX COUNTY SECONDARY													
70602	Facility: TYTRAN Congestion Relief Projects	P.E.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$300	STP	80% 20%
	From: Tysons Corner	ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	To:	Const	0	0	0	300	0	0	0	0			
	Jurisdiction: Fairfax County,	Improve intersections at Route 7 / Tyco Road, Route 7 / Marshall's entrance, Route 7 / Spring Hill Road, and International Dr. / Spring Hill Rd. / Jones Branch Dr. via channelization, signing, pavement marking, signal timing, signal placement, etc.											
FAIRFAX COUNTY BIKE & PED													
70736	Facility: Huntington Metro Station Vicinity	P.E.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	Gov.'s Cong. Relief	100%
	From: Pedestrian Improvements	ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$150	STP	80% 20%
	To:	Const	0	0	0	150	0	0	0	0			
	Jurisdiction: Fairfax County,	Install pedestrian crossings with traffic signals and safety islands to encourage walking at all intersections within one-half mile of Huntington Metro Station.											
LOUDOUN COUNTY SECONDARY													
70760	Facility: VA 1036 (Pacific Blvd.)	P.E.	0	0	0	1,288	0	0	0	0	\$1,089	RSTP	80% 20%
	From: Auto World Circle North	ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$199	Local	100%
	To: VA 1748 (Severn Way)	Const	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	Jurisdiction: Loudoun County,	Construct new 4-lane, median-divided roadway paralleling the west side of Route 28 within the cited limits.											

Table 1

Background Information on NoVA Projects Proposed for Amendment into the FY-04 TIP

Presented to the TPB Steering Committee
November 5, 2004

Facility / Project:	US 29 (Lee Highway) Fairfax Circle
Jurisdiction:	City of Fairfax
Limits / Location:	@ US 50
Project Description:	Review and revise signing and pavement marking, install missing sidewalk segments, provide pedestrian crosswalks and pedestrian signals, etc.
Agency Project ID:	70600
New CLRP Description Sheet required?	No, covered by existing CLRP description sheet.
New TIP Description Sheet required?	No, existing project in TIP.
Reason(s) for Amendment:	1) Add PE phase, using funding previously allocated to construction / implementation & 2) Move all phases into FY-05 (in order to secure FHWA authorization of funding).
Conformity Status:	Included in FY-04's conformity input.
Financial Implications:	Moves allocation to the following year.

Facility / Project:	Real-Time Transit Information for DASH & WMATA Transit Patrons
Jurisdiction:	City of Alexandria
Limits / Location:	Citywide in Alexandria
Project Description:	Provide / implement real-time transit information for DASH & WMATA transit patrons.
Agency Project ID:	No ID
New CLRP Description Sheet required?	No, covered by existing CLRP description sheet.
New TIP Description Sheet required?	No, existing project in TIP.
Reason(s) for Amendment:	1) To allow access to an ITS Earmark included in the Federal FY-04 Transportation Appropriations Act; 2) To add a PE phase; and 3) To remove state funds (part of the Governor's Congestion Relief program) which were inadvertently (in the TIP) allocated to this project.
Conformity Status:	Included in FY-04's conformity input.
Financial Implications:	Adds \$706 K in Federal Earmark and match to the TIP. Removes \$500 K in state funds. Allows access to Federal Earmark.

Table 1
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<p>Facility / Project: Jurisdiction: Limits / Location: Project Description:</p>	<p>VA 236 (Duke Street) Congestion Relief Alexandria I-395 to Telegraph Road The aim of this project is to reduce congestion on Route 236 Duke Street, improve existing transit service reliability, and improve the accessibility for pedestrians. 70599</p>
<p>Agency Project ID: New CLRP Description Sheet required? New TIP Description Sheet required? Reason(s) for Amendment:</p>	<p>70599 No, covered by existing CLRP description sheet. No, existing project in TIP. 1) Add PE phase, using funding previously allocated to construction / implementation & 2) Move all phases into FY-05 (in order to secure FHWA authorization of funding).</p>
<p>Conformity Status: Financial Implications:</p>	<p>Included in FY-04's conformity input. Moves allocation to the following year.</p>

<p>Facility / Project: Jurisdiction: Limits / Location: Project Description:</p>	<p>TYTRAN Congestion Relief Projects Fairfax County Tysons Corner Improve intersections at Route 7 / Tyco Road, Route 7 / Marshall's entrance, Route 7 / Spring Hill Road, and International Drive / Spring Hill Road / Jones Branch Drive via channelization, signing, pavement marking, signal timing, signal placement, etc. 70602</p>
<p>Agency Project ID: New CLRP Description Sheet required? New TIP Description Sheet required? Reason(s) for Amendment:</p>	<p>70602 No, covered by existing CLRP description sheet. No, existing project in TIP. Move construction phase into FY-05 (in order to secure FHWA authorization of funding).</p>
<p>Conformity Status: Financial Implications:</p>	<p>Included in FY-04's conformity input. Moves allocation to the following year.</p>

Table 1
(Cont.)

<p>Facility / Project: Jurisdiction: Limits / Location: Project Description:</p>	<p>Huntington Metro Station Vicinity Fairfax County Pedestrian Improvements Install pedestrian crossings with traffic signals and safety islands to encourage walking at all intersections within one-half mile of the Huntington Metro Station.</p>
<p>Agency Project ID: New CLRP Description Sheet required? New TIP Description Sheet required? Reason(s) for Amendment:</p>	<p>70736 No, covered by existing CLRP description sheet. No, existing project in TIP. 1) Change funding source from State funds to Federal STP funds & 2) Move implementation phase from FY-04 to FY-05 (in order to secure FHWA authorization of funding).</p>
<p>Conformity Status: Financial Implications:</p>	<p>Included in FY-04's conformity input. Changes funding source, moves allocation to the following year.</p>

<p>Facility / Project: Jurisdiction: Limits / Location: Project Description:</p>	<p>VA 1036 (Pacific Boulevard) Loudoun County Auto World Circle North to VA 1748 (Severn Way) In coordination with the Route 28 PPTA, construct new 4-lane, median-divided roadway paralleling the west side of Route 28 within the cited limits. Includes grade-separated crossing of the W&OD Trail.</p>
<p>Agency Project ID: New CLRP Description Sheet required? New TIP Description Sheet required? Reason(s) for Amendment:</p>	<p>70760 No, covered by existing CLRP description sheet. No, existing project in TIP. 1) Move PE phase from FY-04 to FY-05 (in order to secure FHWA authorization of funding) & 2) Reduce the PE cost estimate.</p>
<p>Conformity Status: Financial Implications:</p>	<p>Included in FY-04's conformity analyses. Moves allocation to the following year & PE cost decreases by \$205,000.</p>



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October 5, 2004

Virginia Department of Transportation
41 Lawson Road, SE
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Attn.: Mr. James C. Zeller, PE

Dear Jim,

I enclose a check in the amount of \$198,800.77 that represents the balance of regional transportation contributions collected to date for SPEX 1997-0008 America Online – British Aerospace. We ask that these funds be placed in the project account for the extension of Pacific Boulevard north from Auto World Circle to West Severn Way (UPC No. 70760). Per our conversation earlier this week and my discussion last week with Ms. Cuervo and Mr. Langley, it is my understanding that the use of these proffer funds will enable Preliminary Engineering and the Statewide Environmental Review Program (SERP) for this project to commence immediately, in advance of approval for the expenditure of the federal Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds.

At the same time, we request that Mr. Langley work to revise the adopted Transportation Improvement Program for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments to reflect the use of the RSTP funds for all phases of this project. We also ask for his assistance in amending this project in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for Virginia as quickly as possible. In this way, we can insure that work continues unabated on the project as these proffer funds become depleted. Thank you very much for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Chip Taylor, Assistant Director/Highway Division Manager

JJC/cet

cc: Farid Bigdeli, VDOT
Helen Cuervo, VDOT
Joe Langley, VDOT
Chuck Acker, OTS
John Clark, OTS
Terrie Laycock, County Administration



October 28, 2004

Mr. Dennis C. Morrison
Virginia Department of Transportation
Northern Virginia District
14685 Avion Parkway
Chantilly, Virginia 20151-1104

Dear Mr. Morrison:

We previously requested that your staff develop a FY'04 TIP amendment to add a project to the regional Transportation Improvement Program and the Constrained Long Range Plan. This project will provide funds to develop a real-time passenger system for patrons of WMATA and DASH buses. This project is funded by a congressional earmark.

Your staff has indicated that a very similar project is in the current TIP in which the State's Congestion Relief funds were originally forecast to provide \$500,000. (Entry 115) Funding was not awarded for this project. Our Congressman did find \$353,249 of ITS money to fund this activity. It is forecast that the analysis for the project will begin in FY'05 and implementation is expected to be completed in FY'07. Local and state funds are anticipated to provide the match for the federal earmark. This project also expects that WMATA and DASH real-time information will be displayed on the digital signs. This is shown in the attached table.

Since this project is exempt, no environmental assessment is needed. Please take the necessary steps to change the existing entry in the TIP to reflect the new amount, new source of funding and new project partner.

Please contact Mr. Jim Maslanka of my staff at (703) 838-3800 if you have any questions regarding changing this project's description in the TIP and CLRP.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Baier, PE
Director of the Transportation and Environmental Services Department

Attachment

cc: Thomas Culpepper, PE, Deputy Director of Transportation (T&ES)
James Maslanka, Chief of Transit Services (T&ES)