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

RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE LONG BRIDGE PROJECT, 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 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 March 18, 2020 the TPB adopted the FY 2021-2024 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of August 19, 2020, VDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2021-2024 TIP to include the Long Bridge project, (TIP ID 6727), with \$9 million in FY 2021 and \$9 million in FY 2022 for planning and engineering using state funding, as described in the attached materials:

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

**WHEREAS**, this project is included in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2020 Amendment to Visualize 2045 and the FY 2021-2024 TIP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD amends the FY 2021-2024 TIP to include the Long Bridge project (TIP ID 6727), with \$9 million in FY 2021 and \$9 million in FY 2022 for planning and engineering using state funding, as described in the attached materials.



## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Stephen C. Brich, P.E. Commissioner

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August 19, 2020

The Honorable Kelly Russell, Chair National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments 777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300 Washington, DC 20002-4201

RE: FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment for TIP# 6727, Long Bridge DC-VA

Dear Ms. Russell:

On behalf of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requests an amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add TIP # 6727, the DC-VA Long Bridge Project. This project will provide major improvements to passenger and freight rail service benefitting the entire region and will address a major bottleneck affecting rail travel on the. Eastern Seaboard. This project will add four railroad tracks, a rail and pedestrian-bicycle bridge and related land and Potomac River crossing from Arlington, VA to Washington, DC. The project termini are from Control Point LE Interlocking in Washington, DC to Control Point RO in Arlington, VA. The proposed amendment adds approximately \$18 million in State funding for preliminary engineering, equally divided between FY 2021 and 2022.

The Long Bridge and related capacity improvements are included in Visualize 2045 Air Quality Conformity Analysis. This amendment reflects the latest estimates and planned obligations of the Commonwealth Transportation Board and will not change the Financial Constraint findings of the TIP or Visualize 2045. VDOT requests approval of the amendment by the Transportation Planning Board's Steering Committee at its meeting on September 4, 2020. VDOT's representative will attend the meeting and be available to answer any questions about the amendments.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Helen Cuervo, P.E.

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District Administrator, Northern Virginia District, VDOT

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Cc:

Ms. Maria Sinner, P.E., VDOT-NoVA,

Ms. Marie Berry, DRPT

Ms. Katherine Youngbluth, DRPT

Mr. Norman Whitaker, AICP, VDOT-NoVA



## FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Amendment request for TPB Steering Committee consideration on 9/4/2020

All amounts shown in \$1,000s

## Agency: Virginia Department of Transportation

**TIP ID:** 6727

Title: Long Bridge

Description:

**Projected Completion:** 

2028

Agency ID: DRPT003

From:

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Facility: Long Bridge

Control Point RO (Arlington) Rosslyn (RO) int

To: L'Enfant (LE) interlocking near 10th Street S

Total Project Cost: \$220,000

TOTAL BY Federal/ **Total Funds** Prev.Annual ANNUAL 4-YEAR State/ Prior to Element **ELEMENT** SOURCE **PROGRAM SOURCE** FY 2020 FY 2020 FY 2021 TOTAL CODE FY 2022 FY 2023 FY 2024 9,000 a 9,000 a 18,000 18.000 State 0/100/0

Amendment or Modification Description and Approval Date

Amendment: Amendment: 21-07: Amend New Project to TIP

**Requested on: 9/4/2020** 

Amend project into the FY 2021-2024 TIP with \$18 M in state funding in FY 2021 and FY 2022.

AGENCY: VDOT