

**RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE TIP ACTION 23-49.2 WHICH INCLUDES FUNDING FOR STUDY AND PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF THE TWINBROOK PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE BRIDGE, AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF ROCKVILLE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW)**

**WHEREAS**, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), as the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, reauthorized November 15, 2021 when the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law, 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 June 15, 2022 the TPB adopted the FY 2023-2026 TIP; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rockville DPW has requested an amendment to the FY 2023-2026 TIP to include TIP Action 23-49.2 which adds \$710,000 in Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE) Grant Program and local funding to cover planning and 30% of the preliminary design of the Twinbrook Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge project, as described in the attached materials; and

**WHEREAS**, the attached materials include:

ATTACHMENT A) Project Overview report showing the new project record will appear in the TIP following approval, and

ATTACHMENT B) Letter from the City of Rockville DPW dated October 22, 2024, requesting the amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, this record has been entered in the TPB's Project InfoTrak database under TIP Action 23-49.2, creating the 49<sup>th</sup> amended version of the FY 2023-2026 TIP, which supersedes all previous versions of the TIP and can be found online at [www.mwcog.org/ProjectInfoTrak](http://www.mwcog.org/ProjectInfoTrak); 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**, this resolution and the amendment to the FY 2023-2026 TIP shall not be considered final until the Transportation Planning Board has had the opportunity to review and accept these materials at its next full meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2023-2026 TIP to include TIP Action 23-49.2 which adds \$710,000 in NAE Grant Program and local funding to cover planning and 30% of the preliminary design of the Twinbrook Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge project as described in the attached materials.



National Capital Region  
**Transportation Planning Board**

ATTACHMENT A - PROGRAM OVERVIEW REPORT FOR  
 TIP ACTION 23-49.2: FORMAL AMENDMENT TO THE  
 FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

<b>TIP ID</b>	T13647	<b>Lead Agency</b>	Rockville Public Works Department	<b>Project Type</b>	Study/Planning/Research
<b>Project Name</b>	Twinbrook Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge (Study/ Preliminary Design)	<b>County</b>	Montgomery	<b>Total Cost</b>	\$710,000
<b>Project Limits</b>	Lewis Avenue to Chapman Avenue and Rockville Pike (MD 355)	<b>Municipality</b>	City of Rockville	<b>Completion Date</b>	2025
		<b>Agency Project ID</b>			

**Description** This project supports the City of Rockville efforts to reconnect the Twinbrook Community which was separated by the Metrorail infrastructure in the 1980s. The scope of this phase of the project includes conducting comprehensive planning activities for four potential railroad crossing locations, including feasibility analysis, public engagement, a benefit-cost analysis for each crossing location, the selection of a preferred alternative, and 30 percent preliminary design for the preferred alternative.

Phase	AC/ ACCP	Source	Prior	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Future	4 Year Total	Total	*Map Has Not Been Marked
PE		LOCAL	-	-	-	-	\$82,000	-	\$82,000	\$82,000	
PE		NEVI	-	-	-	-	\$268,000	-	\$268,000	\$268,000	
		<i>Total PE</i>	-	-	-	-	\$350,000	-	\$350,000	\$350,000	
PLANNING		LOCAL	-	-	-	\$40,000	\$20,000	-	\$60,000	\$60,000	
PLANNING		NEVI	-	-	-	\$200,000	\$100,000	-	\$300,000	\$300,000	
		<i>Total PLANNING</i>	-	-	-	\$240,000	\$120,000	-	\$360,000	\$360,000	
		<i>Total Programmed</i>	-	-	-	\$240,000	\$470,000	-	\$710,000	\$710,000	

**Version History**

<b>TIP Document</b>	<b>MPO Approval</b>	<b>FHWA Approval</b>	<b>FTA Approval</b>
23-49.2 Amendment 2023-2026	Pending	Pending	N/A

**Current Change Reason**

SCHEDULE / FUNDING / SCOPE - New project

October 22, 2024

The Honorable Christina Henderson, Chair  
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300  
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Chair Henderson:

The City of Rockville (City) Department of Public Works (DPW) requests an amendment to the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) FY 2023-2026, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as identified in the attachment. This project is not a capacity enhancement project and therefore, does not need air quality conformity analysis. The purpose of the amendment is to add the funding for the Twinbrook Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge study and design project to the FY 2023-2026 TIP. This amendment is necessary for the city to obligate federally awarded funding, which requires that projects including preliminary design being included in the TIP and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This project is funded from the Department of Transportation Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE) program at an 80/20 federal/local split with the remaining funds to come from the City.

An amount of \$710,000 will be programmed for the current TIP (FY 2023-2026). This project is to be designated "not regionally significant" and does not increase capacity therefore conformity testing is not required. These funds were not accounted for in the Financial Analysis of the 2022 Update to Visualize 2045 and the FY 2023-2026 TIP. This project supports the city's efforts to reconnect the Twinbrook Community which was separated by the rail infrastructure in the 1980s. The \$710,000 will fund this project, and the scope includes conducting comprehensive planning activities for four potential railroad crossing locations, including feasibility analysis, public engagement, a benefit-cost analysis for each crossing location, the selection of a preferred alternative, and 30 percent preliminary design for the preferred alternative.

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DPW requests that this amendment be approved by the TPB Steering Committee at its November 8, 2024, meeting and by the full board at its November 20, 2024, meeting. Following approval of the TIP amendment, we will request that the Maryland Department of Transportation amend its STIP so that we may begin obligating federal aid funding. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Senior Transportation Planner Faramarz Mokhtari via email at [fmokhtari@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:fmokhtari@rockvillemd.gov) or via telephone at 240-314-8509.

Sincerely,

*Craig Simoneau*

Craig L. Simoneau, P.E.  
Director of Public Works

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