

TPB R19-2009
March 18, 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 FUNDING
FROM THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FOR THREE BUS
TRANSIT PROJECTS IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY AND TWO VIRGINIA RAILWAY
EXPRESS PROJECTS IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA, 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 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 March 5, 2009, VDOT on behalf of Prince William County and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) and the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) has requested an amendment to the FY 2009-2014 TIP to add \$9,786,000 in ARRA funding for three PRTC bus transit projects and two VRE commuter rail projects, and to add \$7,993,000 in FTA formula funds for the PRTC projects, 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 \$9,786,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding for three PRTC bus transit projects and two VRE commuter rail projects, and to add \$7,993,000 in FTA formula funds for the PRTC projects, as described in the attached materials .

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on March 18, 2009.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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March 5, 2009

National Capital Region
Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

The Honorable Charles A. Jenkins
Chairman, National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
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Dear Chairman Jenkins:

On behalf of Prince William County/Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) and Virginia Railway Express (VRE) VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office requests amending the FY 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to provide additional funding for five transit projects. All or part of the funding for these projects comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA - Federal stimulus).

All of the projects in the proposed amendment are either in the current TIP or have been in a previous TIP. The projects are either exempt from regional air quality conformity analyses OR are not considered regionally significant for air quality conformity purposes OR have been included in the current air quality conformity determination.

The proposed amendment will add a total of \$9.786 M in Federal stimulus funding for two projects on the VRE system and \$3.875 M in Federal stimulus funding to three projects on the PRTC bus system. The proposed amendment will also add a total of \$7.993 M in FTA formula funds to the PRTC bus system. The attached table presents the revised project funding for the FY 2009-2014 TIP.

The funding provided for VRE, in this amendment, is towards its Rolling Stock Acquisition (locomotives in this case) and Stations and Facilities (PE for station improvements) programs. The funds identified for PRTC will provide for its Capital Cost of Contracting program (the maintenance of its Omni Ride and Omni Link buses, in this case); provide funding for Bus Shelters (engineering and design of bus shelters, pads, benches and access improvements); and support Bus Acquisition / Replacement programs.

VDOT requests that this amendment be approved by the Board at its March 18th, 2009, meeting. Upon approval of this amendment, please furnish copies of the approval to Ms. Jo Anne Sorenson (VDOT's Northern Virginia office) and to Mr. Chad Tucker in VDOT's Transportation and Mobility Planning Division in Richmond.

Thank you for your consideration of and action on this request.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jo Anne Sorenson in cursive. Below the signature, the text "Asst. Dist. Admin. for" is written in a smaller, less legible cursive script.

Morteza Salehi
District Administrator
VDOT – Northern Virginia District

Agency Project ID	Facility, Location, Description	Phase	Previous Funding	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	Program Total FY 09-14	Funding Source	Funding Shares Fed	St	Lo
VDRPT - TRANSIT														
PRTC 0004	Title: PRTC - Capital Cost of Contracting Facility: From: To: Jurisdiction: Prince William County	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	0 0 \$6,064	0 0 \$3,064	0 0 \$0	0 0 \$0	0 0 \$0	0 0 \$0	\$6,128 \$3,000	Section 5307 Stimulus Formula	80% 100%	0% 0%	20% 0%
Description: PRTC contracts for the operation and maintenance of the OmniRide and OmniLink bus services. Under Capital Cost of Contracting, a percentage of the maintenance and operations contract cost is eligible for use of FTA Federal Section 5307 Transit funds. The funding added in this amendment is towards the maintenance of the Omniride & OmniLink services. Reason for Amendment: Add \$6,128K of FTA Section 5307 funds to FY09-FY10 CN phase and \$3,000K of FTA Stimulus Funds to FY09 CN phase. Air Quality: Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.														
PRTC 0001	Title: PRTC - Bus Shelter Program Facility: From: To: Jurisdiction: Prince William County & Manassas & Manassas Park	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	\$70 0 0	\$31 0 0	\$31 0 \$0	\$31 0 \$0	\$31 0 \$0	\$31 0 \$0	\$186 \$39	Section 5307 Stimulus Formula	80% 100%	20%	20%
Description: Engineering and design for the installation of bus shelters, pads, benches and access improvements in locations throughout Prince William County and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. Reason for Amendment: Increase PE funding in FY 09 from \$27K to \$70K and also increase funding in FY 2010 thru 2014 from \$27K to \$31K. Air Quality: Source of funding is \$24K in Sec. 5307 funds \$39K in federal stimulus (ARRA) funds. Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.														
PRTC 0005 Formerly T158	Title: PRTC - Bus Acquisition/Replacement Program Facility: From: To: Jurisdiction: Prince William County	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	0 0 \$1,924	0 0 \$3,621	0 0 \$0	0 0 \$0	0 0 \$0	0 0 \$0	\$673 \$836 \$4,036	Section 5309 Earmark Stimulus Formula Section 5309	80% 100%	20%	20%
Description: Replacement of existing buses within the PRTC fleet that have met their useful life and purchase of buses for expansion. Reason for Amendment: Add \$836K in FTA Stimulus Formula to FY2009 CN Phase and add \$1,841K of FTA Section 5309 to FY10 CN phase. Air Quality: Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.														
VRE														
VRE 0009	Title: VRE- Rolling Stock Acquisition Facility: VRE Rolling Stock From: Systemwide. To: Jurisdiction: Northern Virginia & District of Columbia	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 \$11,413	0 0 \$17,000	\$0 0 \$7,314	\$0 0 \$7,312	0 0 \$7,169	0 0 \$7,177	0 0 \$7,171	\$20,002 \$23,453 \$9,688	Section 5307 Section 5309 Stimulus Formula	80% 80%	20%	20%
Description: The federal stimulus (ARRA) funding will provide for acquisition of up to 3 locomotives. Reason for Amendment: Add federal funding that has newly become available (\$9,688K of Stimulus funds). Air Quality: Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.														
VRE 0011	Title: VRE - Stations and Facilities Facility: Districtwide From: To: Jurisdiction:	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	\$98 0 \$1,119	\$0 0 \$1,244	\$0 0 \$1,369	\$0 0 \$1,494	\$0 0 \$1,619	\$0 0 \$1,744	\$8,589 \$98	Section 5309 Stimulus Formula	80% 100%	20%	20%
Description: Involves the addition of parking spaces, second platforms and related improvements at various VRE stations, including Fredericksburg, Leeland Road, Manassas Park, Woodbridge, Rippon Rolling Road, Broad Run and other Stations to be Places \$98K of FTA Stimulus Formula funds in FY2009 PE Phase for Station Improvements. Reason for Amendment: Air Quality: Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.														