

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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ITEM #5

MEMORANDUM

December 4, 2006

To: Transportation Planning Board

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

RE: Steering Committee Actions

At its meeting of December 1, 2006, the TPB Steering Committee approved the following resolutions:

- TPB SR14-2007: on Amendments to the FY2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that are exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to fund repairs on the Springfield Interchange Bridges/Walls, construct a Route 15 Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility in Loudoun County, fund a District-Wide Bridge Deck Evaluation Study, and construct a Route 625 roundabout in Loudoun County, as requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).
- TPB SR15-2007: Changing the Classification of L'Enfant Promenade in the Federal Functional Classification System of Streets in the District of Columbia.

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."

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

**RESOLUTION ON AMENDMENTS TO
THE FY 2007-2012 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT
TO FUND REPAIRS ON THE SPRINGFIELD INTERCHANGE BRIDGES/WALLS,
CONSTRUCT A ROUTE 15 BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN FACILITY IN LOUDOUN COUNTY,
FUND A DISTRICT-WIDE BRIDGE DECK EVALUATION STUDY, AND CONSTRUCT A
ROUTE 625 ROUNDABOUT IN LOUDOUN COUNTY, 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 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2006 the TPB adopted the 2006 CLRP and the FY 2007-2012 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of December 1, 2006, VDOT has requested amendments to the FY 2007-2012 TIP to include the following projects:

- repairs on the Springfield Interchange bridges and walls in Fairfax County;
- construction of a bicycle and pedestrian facility in Loudoun County on Route 15 from Route 655 to Leesburg Town limits;
- a district- wide bridge deck evaluation study;
- construction of a roundabout on Route 625 at Lincoln Avenue and Belford Street in Loudoun County, 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 Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2007-2012 TIP to include the following projects:

- repairs on the Springfield Interchange bridges and walls in Fairfax County;
- construction of a bicycle and pedestrian facility in Loudoun County on Route 15 from Route 655 to Leesburg Town limits;
- a district- wide bridge deck evaluation study; and
- construction of a roundabout on Route 625 at Lincoln Avenue and Belford Street in Loudoun County, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on December 1, 2006.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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DAVID S. EKERN, P.E.
COMMISSIONER

November 28, 2006

National Capital Region
Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

The Honorable Michael Knapp
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 Knapp:

VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office requests amending the FY 2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add one interstate, two primary, and one secondary project. All of the proposed amendments are categorically exempt from air quality conformity analysis. VDOT requests these amendments be approved by the TPB's Steering Committee at its meeting on December 1, 2006.

VDOT Interstate Project:

- Repairs on Springfield Interchange Bridges and Walls in Fairfax County. This is a new TIP project and will add \$185K in FY07 for preliminary engineering and \$979K in FY07 for construction using Federal NH funds.

VDOT Primary Project:

- Rte 15 – Construct Bicycle/Pedestrian facility in Loudoun County. This is a new TIP project and will add \$27K in FY07 for preliminary engineering and \$150K in FY07 for construction using the Federal STP funds.


- Districtwide Bridge Deck Evaluation Study in Fairfax County. This is a new TIP project and will add \$200K for FY07 for preliminary engineering/bridge deck condition evaluation using Federal BR and advance construction (AC) funds.

VDOT Secondary Project:

- Rte 625 – Construct Roundabout at Lincoln Avenue and Belford Street in Loudoun County. This is a new TIP project and will add \$45K in FY07 for preliminary engineering using Federal STP funds.

Please call Mr. John Barr at (703) 383-2212, if you need further information on this amendment. Upon approval of this amendment, please furnish copies of the approval to Ms. Jo Anne Sorenson (VDOT's Northern Virginia office) and to Mr. Ben Mannell in VDOT's Transportation and Mobility Planning Division in Richmond. Thank you for your consideration of and action on this request.

Sincerely,


Asst. Dist. Engineer
for

Dennis C. Morrison
District Administrator
VDOT – Northern Virginia District

cc: Ms. Diane Mitchell, VDOT-PD (w/ attach.)
Ms. Deborah Grant, VDOT-PD “
Mr. Ben Mannell, VDOT-TMPD “
Ms. Jo Anne Sorenson, VDOT-NoVA “
Mr. Bud Siegel, PE, VDOT-NoVA “
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Mr. Nicholas Roper, PE, VDOT-NoVA “
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Mr. James Zeller, PE, VDOT-NoVA “

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

PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENT - 12/1/2006

FY 2007-12

Changes to existing entries are noted in **bold**.

| Agency Project ID | Facility, Location, Description | Phase | FY06 TIP Entry | Carry Over | Annual Element FY 07 | FY 08 | FY 09 | FY 10 | FY 11 | FY 12 | Program Total FY 07-12 | Funding Source | Funding Shares Fed/st/lo | |
|------------------------|---|--|----------------|------------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| VDOT INTERSTATE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 82874 | Facility: Repairs on Interchange Bridges/Walls | P.E. | 0 | 0 | \$185 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$1,164 | Fed - NH | 90% | 10% |
| | From: Springfield Interchange | ROW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | To: Fairfax County | Const | 0 | 0 | \$979 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | Jurisdiction: Fairfax County | Description: Repairs on Springfield Interchange Bridges and Wall. Reason for Amendment: New Project which will add \$185K to FY07 PE phase and \$979K to FY07 CN phase using NH funds. Air Quality: Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VDOT PRIMARY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 81323 | Facility: Rte 15 - Construct Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility | P.E. | 0 | 0 | \$27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$177 | Fed - STP | 80% | 20% |
| | From: Rte 655 Whites Ferry Road | ROW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | To: Leesburg Town Limits | Const | 0 | 0 | \$150 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | Jurisdiction: Loudoun County | Description: Route 15, construct bicycle and pedestrian facility. Reason for Amendment: New Project will add \$27K to the FY07 PE phase and \$150K to the FY07 CN phase using STP funds. Air Quality: Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 82864 | Facility: Districtwide Bridge Deck Evaluation Study | P.E. | 0 | 0 | \$200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$100 | Fed - BR Fed - AC | 80% | 20% |
| | From: 10 Locations throughout District | ROW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | To: NoVA District | Const | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | Jurisdiction: NoVA District | Description: Bridge Deck Evaluation Study (10 Locations). Reason for Amendment: New Project will add \$200K to the FY07 PE phase using Federal BR and AC funding. Air Quality: Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VDOT SECONDARY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 81294 | Facility: Rte 625 - Construct Roundabout at Routes 1496 and 1481 | P.E. | 0 | 0 | \$46 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$302 | Fed - STP | 80% | 20% |
| | From: at Routes 1496 and 1481 | ROW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | To: Loudoun County | Const | 0 | 0 | \$256 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | Jurisdiction: Loudoun County | Description: Route 625, construct roundabout. Reason for Amendment: New Project will add \$46K to the FY07 PE phase and \$256K to the FY07 CN phase using STP funds. Air Quality: Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis. | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Note: The following funding definitions apply:

1. Fed BR is Bridge Replacement funds
2. AC NH is advanced construction of NH funds.
3. Fed STP is Surface Transportation Program funds.
4. Fed DEMO is Federal Demonstration funds.
5. Fed HPD is TEA-21 High Priority

TPB SR15- 2007
December 1, 2006

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

**RESOLUTION CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION OF L'ENFANT PROMENADE IN
THE FEDERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM OF STREETS
IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Functional Classification System of Streets for the District of Columbia was approved by the TPB in 1992; and

WHEREAS, revisions to the Federal Functional Classification System of Streets must be done in coordination and cooperation with the MPO; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of December 1, 2006, the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) has requested that the classification of L'Enfant Promenade (located between Independence Avenue, SW and Benjamin Banneker Park, SW) be changed from a "local" street to a "collector" street, as described in the attached materials; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board approves that the classification of L'Enfant Promenade (located between Independence Avenue, SW and Benjamin Banneker Park, SW) be changed from a "local" street to a "collector" street, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on December 1, 2006.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Transportation Policy and Planning Administration

December 1, 2006

Mr. Ronald Kirby
Director of Transportation
Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, N.E. - Suite 300
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Dear Mr. Kirby:

As a result of a recent planning exercise associated with the need to rehabilitate the L'Enfant Promenade, it became apparent to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) that the Promenade is not classified correctly in terms of functional class. Therefore, DDOT requests that the Transportation Planning Board (TPB), at its next scheduled meeting, concur that the L'Enfant Promenade (located between Independence Avenue, SW and Benjamin Banneker Park, SW) should be changed in classification from a "local" street to a "collector" street. If the TPB concurs, DDOT will forward this request to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for its review and approval.

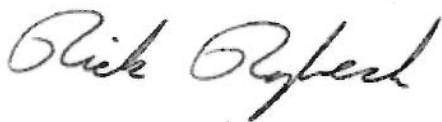
The review of the L'Enfant Promenade identified needed changes to its functional class for several reasons:

- L'Enfant Promenade is located in an activity center in the heart of the region's urban core;
- The Promenade provides an important connection between Maine Avenue, the SE-SW Freeway (I-395) and Independence Avenue, SW;
- As stated in the L'Enfant Promenade and Benjamin Banneker Park Environmental Assessment (March 2006), traffic volume on the Promenade in 2003 was about 4,800 vehicles per day, which exceeds the level for its current functional classification as a "local" street;
- The Promenade provides access to the United States Department of Energy and the United States Postal Service headquarters;
- Other agencies within one-block of the Promenade include the US Dept of Agriculture, GSA Headquarters, US Dept of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Aviation Administration, Smithsonian Institution Headquarters, the Arthur Sackler Gallery, the National Museum of African Art, the Freer Art Gallery, and the Hirshhorn Museum.

- The National Children's Museum is being relocated adjacent to the Promenade at L'Enfant Plaza;
- Banneker Park, at the southern end of the Promenade, has been designated by the National Park Service, the National Capital Planning Commission and the National Capital Memorial Commission as a future sight for a monument, museum or memorial "of national significance."
- Future traffic volumes, in light of the development of the Children's Museum, Banneker Park, and the Southwest Waterfront are estimated to increase by approximately 30%.
- The Promenade's proximity to federal agency headquarters, museums and its access to the SE-SW Freeway make it relevant to homeland security regarding evacuation.
- The Promenade's presence over the CSX and Amtrak rail lines provides access to persons who may seek to harm people or facilities associated with that rail infrastructure. Renovation of the Promenade will be specifically designed to accommodate a future decking of Maryland Avenue that will intersect with the Promenade. Connecting the Promenade to a new decked segment of Maryland Avenue will protect the rail infrastructure by preventing easy access to the rail lines by the public.

DDOT hopes that this proposed change in functional class can be considered and approved by the Transportation Planning Board at its next meeting on December 20th. If you or others have substantive questions about the proposed changes, please contact Mesfin Lakew at 202-671-4682.

Sincerely,



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Transportation Policy & Planning

cc: Michelle Pourciau
John Deatrick
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