

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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Item #5

MEMORANDUM

April 15, 2010

To: Transportation Planning Board

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

RE: Steering Committee Actions

At its meeting of April 9, 2010, the TPB Steering Committee approved the following resolution:

- TPB SR20-2010 on an amendment to the FY2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that is exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to add Funding for the Design of BRAC-Related Intersection Improvements Near Joint Base Andrews In Prince George's County, as Requested by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT).

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 AN AMENDMENT TO
THE FY 2010- 2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS
EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO ADD
FUNDING FOR THE DESIGN OF BRAC-RELATED INTERSECTION
IMPROVEMENTS NEAR JOINT BASE ANDREWS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
AS REQUESTED BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT)**

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 July 15, 2009 the TPB adopted the FY 2010-2015 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of April 7, 2010 MDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to add \$2.5 million in Public Lands funding for the design of BRAC-related improvements to the intersection of MD 337 (Allentown Road) and the I-495/95 northbound off-ramp, and the intersection of MD 337 and MD 218 (Suitland Road)/Westover Drive in Prince George's County, as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, the project design is 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 2010-2015 TIP to add \$2.5 million in Public Lands funding for the design of BRAC-related improvements to the intersection of MD 337 (Allentown Road) and the I-495/95 northbound off-ramp, and the intersection of MD 337 and MD 218 (Suitland Road)/Westover Drive in Prince George's County, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on April 9, 2010.



Maryland Department of Transportation

The Secretary's Office

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April 7, 2010

The Honorable David Snyder, Chairman
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capital Street, N.E.
Suite 300
Washington DC 20002

Dear Chairman Snyder:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requests an amendment to the Washington Region FY 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a new project for the design of BRAC intersections in Prince George's County.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has received an earmark to begin design on the two intersections near Joint Base Andrews. The first intersection is MD 337 (Allentown Road) at I-495/I-95 northbound off-ramp. In 2011, with the influx of new employees, this intersection's Level of Service (LOS) decreases from a D to an F in the AM peak period. The second intersection is MD 337 at MD218 (Suitland Road)/Westover Drive. This intersection will fail in the AM and PM peak periods with the new employees assigned to the base.

MDOT requests that this amendment request be presented to the Transportation Planning Board Steering Committee on April 9, 2010 for review. The TIP amendment worksheet is attached.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Michael Nixon at 410-865-1295, toll-free 888-713-1414 or via email at mnixon@mdot.state.md.us. Of course, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Donald A. Halligan, Director
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

Attachments

- cc: Ms. Lyn Erickson, Manager, Regional Planning, Office of Planning and Capital Programming
Maryland Department of Transportation
Ms. Heather Murphy, Deputy Director, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, Maryland
Department of Transportation
Mr. Michael Nixon, Manager, Regional Planning, Office of Planning and Capital Programming,
Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is _____
Toll Free Number 1-888-713-1414, TTY Users Call Via MD Relay
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**SUBURBAN MARYLAND
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)**

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY14	FY 15	Source Total
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MDOT/State Highway Administration

Secondary

BRAC Intersections near Joint Base Andrews

TIP ID: 5759	Agency ID:	Title: BRAC Intersection near Joint Base Andrews	Complete: 2040						
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Facility: Intersections near Joint Base Andrews	PL	100/0/0	2,500 a						2,500
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From: **Total Funds: 2,500**

To:

Description: Intersection improvements at key locations along access routes to Joint Base Andrews in Prince George's County. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements will be provided where appropriate

Amendment - Add New Project	Approved	4/9/2010
Add new project (Study/PE only) to FY 2010-2015 TIP with \$2.5 million in Public Lands funding in FY 2010.		