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MEMORANDUM

December 8, 2003

TO: Transportation Planning Board

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

RE: Program Committee Actions

At its meeting of December 5, 2003, the TPB Program Committee approved the following resolution:

- ❖ TPB PR12-2004: Resolution on amendments to the Interim FY 2004-2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and FY 2003-2008 TIP that are exempt from the air quality conformity requirement to add funding to study a limited access plan for route 7 in Leesburg, as requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT);

The TPB Bylaws provide that the Program Committee "shall have the full authority to approve non-regionally significant items, and in such cases it shall advise the TPB of its action."

TPB PR12-2004
December 5, 2003

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002**

**RESOLUTION ON AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERIM FY 2004-2009
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND FY 2003-2008 TIP THAT
ARE EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT
TO ADD FUNDING TO STUDY A LIMITED ACCESS PLAN
FOR ROUTE 7 IN LEESBURG 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 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2002 the TPB adopted the Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and the FY 2003-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2003, the TPB adopted the Interim 2003CLRP and the Interim FY 2004-2009 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of December 1, 2003, VDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2003-2008 TIP to add \$2,735,000 in National Corridor Planning and Development Program funding in FY 2004 to study a limited access plan for Route 7 between Route 9 and West Market Street in Leesburg, as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, this project 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 August 15, 1997 *Federal Register*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Program Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the Interim FY 2004-2009 TIP and the FY 2003-2008 TIP to add \$2,735,000 in National Corridor Planning and Development Program funding in FY 2004 to study a limited access plan for Route 7 between Route 9 and West Market Street in Leesburg, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Program Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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THOMAS F. FARLEY
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December 1, 2003

National Capital Region
Transportation Improvement Program
FY-03 Amendment

The Honorable Peter Shapiro
Chairman, National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002-4201

Dear Chairman Shapiro:

Consistent with a request from Mr. John Clark, Director of Loudoun County's Office of Transportation Services, the Virginia Department of Transportation requests an amendment (copy attached) of the FY 2003-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This amendment will add Federal earmark funding to the existing entry in the FY-03 TIP for the VA Route 7 project (Route 9 to Market Street [Leesburg]).

VDOT requests that this amendment be approved by the TPB Program Committee at its meeting on December 5, 2003.

Please call Jo Anne Sorenson at (703) 383-2461, if you need further information. Upon approval of this amendment, please furnish a copy of the approval to Ms. Sorenson and a copy to Mr. Kenneth Lantz. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jo Anne Sorenson Asst. Dist. Engr. for'.

Thomas F. Farley

Attachment

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

PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENT - 12/05/2003

FY 2003-2008

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

Agency Project ID	Facility, Location, Description	Phase	FY02 TIP Entry	Carry Over	Annual Element FY 03	FY 04	FY 05	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	Program Total FY 03-08	Funding Source	Funding Shares Fed/st/lo		
VDOT PRIMARY															
58599	Facility: VA 7	P.E.	733	733	1,200	2,735	0	0	0	0	\$1,200	RSTP	80%	20%	
	From: Route 9	ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$2,735	NCPD*	80%	20%	
	To: Market Street (Leesburg)	Const	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0				
		<p>Study a Limited Access Plan for Route 7 between Route 9 and West Market Street in Leesburg. The study will evaluate an interchange at Route 7/White Gate Road intersection and construction of frontage roads.</p> <p>This segment of Route 7 is characterized by traffic in excess of 46,000 vehicles per day, a steep grade, four at-grade and unsignalized intersections, and high travel speeds on Route 7 that makes access difficult and dangerous. As currently envisioned, the Route 7 Implementation Plan (for this segment of Route 7) will do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Eliminate the at-grade access points b. Provide an interchange at White Gate Road c. Construct frontage roads to provide adjacent properties access to the proposed White Gate Road interchange. 													
Loudoun County,															

NCPD* - National Corridor Planning and Development Program, earmark included in the Omnibus Fiscal 2003 Spending Bill