

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

**RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO
THE FY 2015-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT
TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR VRE-ROLLING STOCK
ACQUISITION PROJECT, 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 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) 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 October 15, 2014 the TPB adopted the FY 2015-2020 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of April 23, 2015, VDOT has requested that the FY 2015-2020 TIP be amended to include \$9.023 million in Flexible Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds in FY 2015 for the VRE – Rolling Stock Acquisition Project, 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 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 2015-2020 TIP to include \$9.023 in Flexible STP funds in FY 2015 for the VRE – Rolling Stock Acquisition Project, as described in the attached materials.



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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CHARLES A. KILPATRICK, P.E.
COMMISSIONER

April 23, 2015

The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002-4201

RE: National Capital Region FY 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment for VRE-Rolling Stock Acquisition

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

On behalf of the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC), the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requests an amendment to the FY 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add funding to the VRE-Rolling Stock Acquisition Project (TIP ID 4534, Agency ID VRE0009). The proposed amendment adds approximately \$9.023 million in Flexible STP funds for the acquisition of expansion railcars.

The requested change is necessary as project funds must be included in an approved TIP in order for PRTC to access the funds through the Federal Transit Administration grant application process. The amendment will not impact the regional air quality conformity analysis as the project is not significant for air quality conformity purposes. Programming of these funds was anticipated in the most recent update of the CLRP Financial plan. VDOT staff has made appropriate revisions to the TPB's iTIP online database.

VDOT requests that this TIP Amendment be approved by the Transportation Planning Board's Steering Committee at its meeting on May 1, 2015. VDOT's representative will attend the meeting and will be available to answer any questions about the amendments.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions, please contact Norman Whitaker, our Transportation Planning Director, at (703) 259-2799.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Helen L. Cuervo'.

Helen L. Cuervo, P.E.
District Engineer
Northern Virginia District

cc: Ms. Dianne Mitchell, VDOT
Ms. Maria Sinner, P.E., VDOT-NOVA
Ms. Jan Vaughn, VDOT
Mr. Norman Whitaker, AICP, VDOT-NOVA

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Potomac and Rappahannock
Transportation Commission

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April 13, 2015

Ms. Helen Cuervo, P.E.
District Engineer, NOVA
Virginia Department of Transportation
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Dear Ms. Cuervo:

The Potomac & Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) requests a project amendment to the FY 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reflect an update in project funding. The project is already accounted for in the current conformity analysis or is a conformity-exempt transit project for the TIP. The change we wish to be made to the FY2015-2020 TIP is indicated in boldface in the attached spreadsheet and is outlined below:

- VRE-Rolling Stock Acquisition (TIP ID 4534, Agency ID VRE0009). The proposed amendment will add \$9,023K in the construction phase of FY2015 using Flexible STP funds for the acquisition of expansion railcars.

PRTC requests that the Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) 2015-2020 TIP and the Commonwealth's FY2015-2018 STIP be amended to reflect the aforementioned change as project funds must be included in an approved TIP and STIP before PRTC can access these funds through the Federal Transit Administration grant application process.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Betsy Massie at (703) 580-6113 or at bmassie@omniride.com. We greatly appreciate Mr. Whitaker's continuing assistance in facilitating this action.

Sincerely,

Alfred H. Harf
Executive Director

cc: with attachments: Betsy Massie, PRTC
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Christine Hoeffner, VRE
Jan Vaughn, VDOT
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**NORTHERN VIRGINIA
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)**

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	Source Total
Transit									
VRE - Rolling Stock Acquisition									
TIP ID: 4534 Agency ID: VRE0009		Title: Rolling Stock Acquisition						Complete:	
Facility: VRE Rolling Stock	Sect. 5307	80/20/0	3,574 c						
From: Systemwide	Sect. 5307	80/10/10	6,545 c	5,750 c	4,675 c	4,675 c	4,675 c	4,675 c	29,125
To:	Sect. 5309-FG	80/20/0	5,135 c						
	Sect. 5337 - SGR	80/10/10	13,793 c	4,146 c	1,931 c	1,931 c	1,931 c	1,931 c	13,801
	STP	80/13/7		9,023 c					9,023
Total Funds:									51,949

Description: VRE has purchased from Sumitomo 11 cab cars (base order), 50 cab and trailers (option order) and an additional 10 cars. In addition, VRE has contracted with Motive Power for 25 locomotives and will be adding additional as funding becomes available. This project includes funding plus a new procurement of up to 42 railcars. for debt service of the rolling stock, spec development and construction oversight.,plus a new procurement of up to 42 railcars.

Amendment: Add Funding Add \$9,023,439 Flexible STP funding in FY 2015 for expansion railcars.	Requested on: 5/1/2015
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