



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director
SUBJECT: Steering Committee Actions and Report of the Director
DATE: December 12, 2019

The attached materials include:

- Steering Committee Actions
- Letters Sent/Received
- Announcements and Updates



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director
SUBJECT: Steering Committee Actions
DATE: December 12, 2019

At its meeting on December 6, the TPB Steering Committee approved the following resolution:

- SR13-2020: To amend the FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include \$3.43 million in High Priority Project (HPP) funding and \$2.07 million in local funding in construction of the Rockville Intermodal Access Project: Baltimore Road Improvements, as requested by the City of Rockville Department of Public Works. This project is exempt from the air quality conformity requirement.

The Steering Committee also reviewed and approved a TPB staff recommendation to change the date of the TIP Public Forum from January 9 to January 16, 2020 in order to coincide with the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee meeting which had been rescheduled due to the New Year's holiday.

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."

Attachments

- TPB Steering Committee Attendance
- SR13-2020
- Memorandum: Change of Date for the TIP Public Forum

TPB STEERING COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE – DECEMBER 6, 2019

MEMBERS

Martin Nohe	Prince William County
Mark Rawlings	DDOT
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**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002**

**RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2019-2024 TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY
REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE ROCKVILLE INTERMODAL ACCESS
PROJECT: BALTIMORE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, AS REQUESTED BY THE
CITY OF ROCKVILLE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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 Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act 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 17, 2018 the TPB adopted the FY 2019-2024 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of November 25, 2019, the City of Rockville has requested an amendment to the FY 2019-2024 TIP to include \$3.43 million in High Priority Project (HPP) funding and \$2.07 million in local funding in FY 2020 for construction of the Rockville Intermodal Access Project: Baltimore Road Improvements" (TIPI ID 6688), as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, this program is exempt from the air quality conformity requirement, as defined in Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Regulations as of April 2012; and

WHEREAS, funding for this program is included in the Visualize 2045 financial analysis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2019-2024 TIP to include \$3.43 million in HPP funding and \$2.07 million in local funding in FY 2020 for construction of the Rockville Intermodal Access Project: Baltimore Road Improvements (TIPI ID 6688), as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board Steering Committee at its regular meeting on December 6, 2019.



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November 25, 2019

The Honorable Martin Nohe, Chair
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capital Street, N.E., Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002-4201

SUBJECT: National Capital Region FY2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment
for Rockville Intermodal Access: Baltimore Road Improvements

Dear Mr. Nohe:

The City of Rockville (City) requests an amendment to the FY2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add funding for the construction of the Rockville Intermodal Access Project: Baltimore Road Improvements.

In July 2007, certain funds were set aside for the City in Section 1702 of the Federal funding authorization act known as the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) to provide funding for projects specified by Congress, called High Priority Project Funds. The proposed project on Baltimore Road in the City of Rockville primarily upgrades the roadway and roadside, with a concentration on multimodal users. The design phase for the project was recently completed, after substantial delays, primarily due to the property acquisition process. Authorization to advertise the construction of the project from Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), the administrative body for the federal funding, is dependent on availability through the TIP. Pending amendment of the TIP and authorization to advertise by SHA, the City expects to move to bidding as early as January 2020 and to start construction by summer 2020, with completion of the project expected by the end of calendar year 2021.

The City requests construction funding to be included in the current TIP. The total construction cost is estimated at \$5,500,000, with Federal funding of \$3,430,000 and local funding of \$2,070,000. The engineering phase for the project is complete, totaling approximately \$1,000,000, with Federal funding of \$570,000, and local funding of \$430,000. Locally-funded Right-of-way has been completed, costing roughly \$210,000.

This project does not add any capacity to the existing roadway and is therefore exempt from the air quality conformity requirement of the long range plan and TIP.

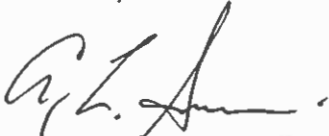
The Honorable Martin Nohe, Chair
November 25, 2019
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The City requests that this amendment be placed on the agenda of the Transportation Planning Board's Steering Committee at its meeting on December 6, 2019. A City representative will attend the meeting in person or participate by phone to be available to answer any questions about the amendment.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

If you have questions or comments, please contact me via email at csimoneau@rockvillemd.gov or via telephone at 240-314-8500.

Sincerely,



Craig L. Simoneau, P.E.
Director of Public Works

CLS/AWL/kmc

cc: Emad Elshafei, Chief of Traffic and Transportation
Andrew Luetkemeier, Senior Transportation Engineer
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**SUBURBAN MARYLAND
FY 2019-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)**

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Source Total
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City of Rockville

TIP ID: 6688	Agency ID:	Title: Rockville Intermodal Access Project: Baltimore Road ImprovementsN	Complete: 2022	Total Cost: \$5,500
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Facility: Baltimore Road	HPP	100/0/0	570 a		3,430 c				3,430
From: MD 28 Norbeck Road									
To: Rockville City Limits	Local	0/0/100	430 a 210 b		2,070 c				2,070

Total Funds: 5,500

Description: This is a roadway and roadside improvements project along Baltimore Road in the City of Rockville. The project aims to improve the existing section of the road for all modes of transportation. The project includes shared use paths, sidewalks, curb and gutter, drainage, stream restoration, minor roadway alignment modifications, mill and overlay, and utility relocations.

Amendment: New Project **Approved on: 12/6/2019**
Amend this project into the FY 2019-2024 TIP with \$3.43 million in HPP and \$2.07 million in local funding (and \$1.21 million in HPP and local funding)



MEMORANDUM

TO: TPB Steering Committee
FROM: Lyn Erickson, Plan Development and Coordination Program Director
SUBJECT: Change of Date for the TIP Public Forum
DATE: November 27, 2019

The scope of work for the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2020 updates to Visualize 2045 long-range transportation plan was approved by the TPB on July 24, 2019. The scope of work documentation included a schedule for development and adoption of the new TIP and long-range plan amendments. This schedule indicated that a Public Forum would be held on the development of the FY 2021-2024 TIP on January 9, 2020.

TPB staff is recommending that the TIP Public Forum be postponed from January 9 to January 16, 2020 to coincide with the rescheduled Citizens Advisory Committee meeting. TPB staff seeks the concurrence of the Steering Committee for this recommendation. An official announcement of the schedule change can then be made at the December 18 TPB meeting.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director
SUBJECT: Letters Sent/Received
DATE: December 12, 2019

No letters were sent/received since the last TPB meeting.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director
SUBJECT: Announcements and Updates
DATE: December 12, 2019

The attached documents provide updates on activities that are not included as separate items on the TPB agenda.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: John Swanson, TPB Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: FY 2021 Solicitation for TLC Applications
DATE: December 12, 2019

The solicitation for the FY 2021 Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program technical assistance applications will open on January 6, 2020. The deadline is March 9. The deadline for submitting abstracts for potential projects, which is an optional step in the process, is January 27.

Any local jurisdiction in the National Capital Region that is a member of the TPB is eligible to apply for TLC technical assistance. Non-profits and non-member jurisdictions in the region may apply as secondary recipients to a TPB member jurisdiction. Recipients will receive short-term consultant services and no direct financial assistance. Projects are eligible to receive between \$30,000 and \$60,000 in technical assistance for planning projects and up to \$80,000 for design projects. Last year, the TPB approved \$500,000 for TLC projects.

As in past years, TLC Technical Assistance may include a range of services, such as:

- Corridor and transit station planning
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety and access studies
- Transit-oriented development studies
- Design guidelines and roadway standards
- Streetscape improvement plans
- Safe Routes to School planning
- Trail planning and design
- Transit demand and feasibility analysis

The TPB encourages applications that address one or more of the following priorities:

- Multimodal transportation options
- Enhancements in Activity Centers
- Increased affordable and accessible housing
- Access for low-income and minority communities
- Ped/bike access to transit
- Regional trails

A selection panel in March will recommend a slate of projects for funding. The TPB will be asked to approve the recommendations on April 15. Staff will procure consultants for the projects during the summer and the projects will begin next fall. TLC projects typically last 6-8 months.

For more information, please contact John Swanson (202-962-3295; jswanson@mwkog.org) or Jaleel Reed (202-962-3321; jreed@mwkog.org). You can also get more information at the TLC website: www.mwkog.org/tlc.



TRANSPORTATION LAND-USE CONNECTIONS (TLC) PEER EXCHANGE

TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION: ADVANCING LOCAL PLANNING PRIORITIES

A Professional Peer Exchange Forum Sponsored by the
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB)

Monday, January 13, 2020, 10:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 N. Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20002

Join us for an in-person, interactive forum to share lessons learned and local implementation strategies at the intersection of land use and transportation in our region. Featured speakers will discuss the outcomes and next steps of TLC-funded projects related to mixed-use zoning, parking, micro-transit, and bike/ped-related topics.

Discover ongoing planning projects in our region and ways that local jurisdictions are striving to advance community and regional planning priorities.

AICP credit availability to be announced.

For more information and to register, visit mwcog.org/tlc

TPB NEWS

Find out which projects are scheduled for funding in the next few years at the TPB's TIP Forum

Dec 10, 2019

Ever wonder how the region's transportation agencies prioritize and fund major projects and programs? Or which projects are scheduled for funding and construction in the next few years? On January 16, the TPB will host a public forum to shed greater light on the project funding and prioritization process and to take a closer look at the region's four-year transportation spending document, known as the Transportation Improvement Program, or TIP.

[Get the meeting information for the TIP Forum](https://www.mwcog.org/tipforum/) <https://www.mwcog.org/tipforum/>

The TIP is an important regional planning document because it identifies the major transportation projects and programs for which local, state, and regional agencies have identified and committed funding over the next four years. As such, it's a reflection of the funding priorities of those jurisdictions and agencies. It also provides information on the sources of funding for major projects and can be analyzed to determine what share of spending is going to certain project types or travel modes.

As required by federal law, the TPB holds a public forum during the development of each TIP, which typically occurs every two years.

The TIP Forum will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2020. The first half-hour of the forum will be an open-house where TPB planners along with state and regional transportation officials will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. Representatives from the District, Maryland, and Virginia departments of transportation (DOT), and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) will be able to explain how their state and regional planning processes align with the TIP. TIP officials from the three state-level DOTs and WMATA can also discuss their project prioritization processes, funding mechanisms, and opportunities for public involvement at the state and regional levels.

Then, TPB planners will present highlights from the new TIP that's currently under development. These highlights will include some of the anticipated major projects and funding amounts. There will also be a preliminary report about how the DOTs are working toward reaching targets that they set for themselves on various performance measures. These measures include ensuring that a higher percentage of roadway pavement or bridges are in good condition or reducing the number of fatalities on roadway or transit systems. The performance will be compared with the funding levels the DOTs are programming for projects that would influence these measures. Once the forum concludes, the TPB's Citizens Advisory Committee will meet for its monthly meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

A few major projects expected to be included in the draft FY 2021-2024 TIP include Maryland's Purple Line light rail connecting New Carrollton with Bethesda, new bikelanes in the District of Columbia, and the new Metro Station in Alexandria's Potomac Yards, which breaks ground this month and will help serve Amazon's HQ2 expansion.

The TPB will consider the draft FY 2021-2024 TIP for approval at its March meeting. A federally required 30-day comment period ahead of that meeting will give the public a formal opportunity to comment on the draft spending document.

Get TPB Public Comment notices delivered to your inbox.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Erin Morrow, TPB Transportation Engineer
SUBJECT: Update on the Transportation and Climate Initiative
DATE: December 12, 2019

TPB staff continue to follow the work of the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI),¹ which is a regional collaboration of Mid-Atlantic and Northeast states including Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, working to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the transportation sector. The TPB was provided with background information about TCI at the July 2019 meeting and an update at the October 2019 meeting.

A coalition of TCI states² released a statement³ on December 18, 2018 of its intention to design a regional transportation policy proposal to reduce carbon emissions from the transportation sector through a cap-and-invest program or other pricing mechanism. TCI has been working since that time on a regional policy design process.⁴ The draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a regional cap-and-invest program is expected to be released by the end of December 2019. TCI will be accepting and considering public input in January and February 2020 and expects to release the final MOU in Spring 2020. At this point, each state will decide whether to sign the MOU and participate in the regional program. The program could begin as early as 2022.

TPB staff are participating in discussions with an informal group of staff from other Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Councils of Governments (COGs) in the TCI states. This group is organized by staff at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), the regional planning agency for the Metropolitan Boston area. This group has met on conference calls and at an in-person convening that was hosted by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) in Philadelphia on June 24, 2019.

This group will meet again on January 16, 2020 at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOCG) in the MWCOCG Board Room. The purpose of this convening will be to learn more about TCI's objectives and the policy development process from members of the TCI leadership team, discuss the draft MOU and accompanying analysis, and consider how COGs and MPOs can explore opportunities to engage with their membership and offer a thoughtful response to encourage a robust and equitable program design.

Materials from the June convening can be found on MAPC's website.⁵ Materials from the January 2020 convening will be posted after the convening.

¹ <https://www.transportationandclimate.org/>

² Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia were among the states that endorsed the statement.

³ <https://www.transportationandclimate.org/nine-states-and-dc-design-regional-approach-cap-greenhouse-gas-pollution-transportation>

⁴ <https://www.transportationandclimate.org/main-menu/tcis-regional-policy-design-process-2019>

⁵ <https://www.mapc.org/resource-library/transportation-climate-initiative/>