

ITEM 17 - Action

March 17, 2010

Approval of an
Amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to Include Funding for the
Georgetown-Rosslyn Connector, As Requested by the District
Department of Transportation (DDOT) On Behalf of the
Georgetown Business Improvement District

Staff

Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution R22-2010 to amend the FY 2010-2015 TIP to include funding for a contract for public transportation service on a turnkey basis for the Georgetown-Rosslyn Connector, as described in the enclosed materials.

Background:

The Board will be briefed on this amendment, which will include funding from a 2009 Section 5309 Earmark for the Georgetown Business Improvement District to contract for public transportation services on a turnkey basis for the Georgetown-Rosslyn Connector.

TPB R22- 2010
March 17, 2010

**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 INCLUDE
FUNDING FOR THE GEORGETOWN-ROSSLYN CONNECTOR, AS REQUESTED BY
THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DDOT) ON BEHALF OF
THE GEORGETOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

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

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of March 15, 2010 DDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to add \$712,500 in Section 5309 Earmark funds and \$1 million in local funds to contract for public transportation service on a turnkey basis for the Georgetown-Rosslyn Connector, 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 National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2010-2015 TIP to add \$712,500 in Section 5309 Earmark funds and \$1 million in local funds to contract for public transportation service on a turnkey basis for the Georgetown-Rosslyn Connector.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Planning, Policy and Sustainability Administration

March 15, 2010

The Honorable David Snyder, Chairman
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300
Washington DC 20002-4290

Dear Chairman Snyder and members of the TPB:

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) requests an amendment to the FY 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The purpose of this amendment is to authorize expenditure of an earmark awarded to the Georgetown Business Improvement District. Please make the following changes:

- Create a new project, Georgetown-Rosslyn Connector, for capital turnkey cost-of-contracting using Section 5309 funds.

The Georgetown Business Improvement District (Georgetown BID) will use these funds to contract for public transportation service on a turnkey basis for the Georgetown-Rosslyn Connector. This is a service contract where the contractor provides all vehicles, maintenance and transit services for the Georgetown-Rosslyn Connector. This funding comes from a FY2009 5309 Earmark, E2009-BUSP-890 in the amount of \$712,500.

This amendment is needed so that the earmark can be expended. The proposed project is not adding additional capacity for motorized vehicles and does not require conformity analysis or public review and comment. The funding source has been identified, and the TIP will remain fiscally constrained. Therefore, DDOT recommends that the TPB approve this amendment at its March 17, 2010 meeting. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Should you have questions regarding this amendment, please contact either me at (202) 671-2542 or by e-mail at karina.ricks@dc.gov or Mark Rawlings at (202) 671-2234 or by e-mail at mark.rawlings@dc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karina Ricks', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Karina Ricks
Associate Director, Policy, Planning and Sustainability Administration (PPSA)

cc: Gabe Klein, DDOT (via e-mail) Leah Treat, DDOT (via e-mail) Mark Rawlings, DDOT (via e-mail) Aaron Overman, DDOT (via e-mail) Ron Kirby, COG/TPB (via e-mail)

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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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Transit
Georgetown-Rosslyn Connector

TIP ID: **5734** Agency ID: Title: **Georgetown – Rosslyn Connector** Complete:

Facility: Sec. 5309 Earmark 42//58 1,713 e 1,713

From: **Total Funds: 1,713**

To:

Description: The Georgetown Business Improvement District (Georgetown BID) will use these funds to contract for the provision of public transportation services on a turnkey basis for the Georgetown-Rosslyn Connector. This is a service contract where the contractor provides all vehicles, maintenance and transit services for the Georgetown-Rosslyn Connector.

Amendment - Add New Project	Proposed on: 3/17/2010
Add the Georgetown-Rosslyn Connector project to the FY 2010-2015 TIP with \$712,500 in Federal funding from FY2009 Earmark, E2009-BUSP-890 and \$1 million from local funds.	