ITEM 8 - Action April 19, 2006

Approval of Amendment to the FY 2006-2011 TIP that Is Exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to Modify the Funding and Construction Schedule for Widening I-66 Between US 29 and VA 234 in Prince William County, as Requested by Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Staff

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution R17-2006 to approve

amendments to the FY 2006-20011 TIP.

Issues: None

Background: At the March 15 meeting, notice was

provided that VDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2006-2011 TIP

that is exempt from the air quality

conformity requirement to add \$20.145 million for the widening of I-66 between US 29 and VA 234 and to advance the construction schedule from July 2008 to July 2006, as described in the enclosed

materials.

These amendments would not require any changes to the air quality conformity analysis conducted for the FY 2006-

2011 TIP.

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

RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2006-2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO MODIFY THE FUNDING AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE FOR WIDENING I-66 BETWEEN US 29 AND VA 234 IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY 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 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 October 19, 2005 the TPB adopted the 2005 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and the FY 2006-2011 TIP; and

WHEREAS, At the March 15, 2006 TPB meeting, notice was provided that VDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2006-2011 TIP that is exempt from the air quality conformity requirement to add \$20.145 million for the widening of I-66 between US 29 and VA 234 and to advance the construction schedule from July 2008 to July 2006 as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, the change in funding and timing for this project does not affect the air quality conformity determination of the 2005 CLRP and the FY 2006-2011 TIP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD amends the FY 2006-2011 TIP to add \$20.145 million for the widening of I-66 between US 29 and VA 234 and to advance the construction schedule from July 2008 to July 2006, as described in the attached materials.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

GREGORY A. WHIRLEY ACTING COMMISSIONER

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February 23, 2006

National Capital Region Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

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

Dear Chairman Knapp:

On behalf of itself, VDOT requests an amendment (attached) to the FY 2006-2011 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP). This project, I-66 from US 29 to VA 234, involves constructing two lanes in each direction, including a concurrent flow HOV lane. Originally, the project was scheduled for construction in July 2008 at a cost of \$ 77 million dollars. This amendment will increase the construction estimate to \$ 97 million dollars, and more importantly, advance the project two years, to July 2006. This cost change is due to increase in construction material unit costs and construction engineering inspection, and enhanced maintenance of traffic. This project has been included in previous conformity analysis.

The additional funds for the cost increase are from two other VDOT projects: I-95's fourth lane from Newington to the Occoquan and the I-66 interchange reconstruction at US 29 and Linton Hall Road in Gainesville. Both of these projects received earmarks in SAFETEA-LU, thus facilitating the transfer of funds. Neither project's schedule or finances will be adversely affected by this fund transfer.

VDOT requests that this amendment be approved by the Transportation Planning Board at its meeting on March 15, 2006.

The Honorable Michael Knapp January 26, 2006 Page Two

Please call Jo Anne Sorenson at (703) 383-2461, if you need further information. Upon approval of this amendment, please furnish copies of the approval to Ms. Sorenson and to Mr. Ben Mannell in VDOT's Transportation and Mobility Planning Division. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Johnson Sommerson

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attachments

Table 1

Background Information on NoVA Projects Proposed for Amendment into the FY-06 TIP

Presented to the Transportation Planning Board March 15, 2006

Facility / Project:

I-66 - Additional Lanes, HOV Lanes

Jurisdiction:

Prince William County US 29 (1.5 KM west of)

Limits / Location:

RT 234 Bypass (0.9 KM west of)

Project Description:

Existing 4-lane roadway will be widened to 8 lanes during non-peak periods. During peak periods, the median lane will be restricted and

operate as a concurrent flow HOV lane.

Auxiliary lane will be provided in EB direction between US 29 and VA 234. The existing VA 234 interchange will be reconstructed as

needed.

Agency Project ID:

70043

Agency Project Number:

0066-076-113

New CLRP Description Sheet required?

No, covered by existing CLRP description

sheet.

New TIP Description Sheet required?

No, existing project in TIP.

Reason(s) for Amendment:

Advance project 2 years and increase construction estimate by 20 million dollars. Project included in previous conformity

Conformity Status:

analysis.

Financial Implications:

Additional 20 million dollars added into TIP.

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

PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENT - 03/15/2006

FY 2006-11
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