

**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 THE RAIL CONSTRUCTION TIP  
PROJECT GROUPING, 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 March 4, 2015, VDOT has requested that the FY 2015-2020 TIP be amended to include \$547,000 in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds in FY 2015 for the Rail Construction TIP project grouping, as described in the attached materials; and

**WHEREAS**, these projects are 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 \$547,000 in STP funds in FY 2015 for the Rail Construction TIP project grouping, as described in the attached materials.

**Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board Steering Committee at its regular meeting on  
March 6, 2015.**





# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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CHARLES A. KILPATRICK, P.E.  
COMMISSIONER

March 6, 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 Amendments for Northern Virginia VDOT TIP Grouping for Construction of Rail

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requests an amendment to the FY 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add funding to the TIP Project Grouping for rail. This amendment adds approximately \$547,000 in federal funding and state matching to the TIP and is needed to reflect VDOT's latest planned funding obligations. VDOT staff has made appropriate revisions to the TPB's iTIP online database.

The amendment will provide funding for two highway/rail safety projects in Prince William County. These projects are Virginia UPC numbers 105537 and 105546. This amendment will not impact the regional air quality conformity analysis because the projects are not significant for air quality conformity purposes. While the proposed funding changes are new to the TIP, they are part of the total federal and state funding estimates included in the current CLRFP Financial Plan.

VDOT requests that this TIP Amendment be approved by the Transportation Planning Board's Steering Committee at its meeting on March 6, 2015. VDOT's representative will attend the meeting and be available to answer any questions about the amendments.

Please contact Norman Whitaker, our Transportation Planning Manager, at (703) 259-2799 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script 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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**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
<b>Transit</b>									
<b>TIP Grouping project for Construction: Rail</b>									
TIP ID: 6306		Agency ID:		Title: Rail Construction				Complete:	
Facility:	AC	90/10/0	4	c					4
From:									
To:	STP	95/5/0	547	c					547
<b>Total Funds:</b>									<b>551</b>

Description: Grouped Rail Construction Projects

<p><b>Amendment: Add Funding</b> Add \$547,000 in STP funding to FY 2015, reduce AC funding by \$1,000.</p>	<p><b>Approved on: 3/6/2015</b></p>
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