

ITEM 7 - Action
October 19, 2005

Approval of Amendments to the FY 2005- 2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Draft FY 2006-2011 TIP that are Exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to Fund A Regional Transportation Coordination Program

Staff

Recommendation: Receive briefing on regional transportation coordination program and adopt Resolution R4-2006 to amend the FY 2005-2010 TIP and the draft FY 2006-2011 TIP to include funding to implement the program as requested by VDOT in collaboration with MDOT and DDOT.

Issues: None

Background: The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) authorized \$2 million (\$1.6 million in federal funds) for a "Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Regional Transportation Coordination Program." The TPB has endorsed a concept provisionally known as "CapCom" to implement this regional coordination program. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT), has requested an amendment to the FY 2005-2010 TIP and the draft FY 2006-2011 TIP to include funding of \$400,000 per year for 5 years to initiate this regional transportation coordination program.

TPB R4- 2006
October 19, 2005

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

**RESOLUTION ON AMENDMENTS TO
THE FY 2005-2010 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
AND THE DRAFT FY 2006-20011 TIP
THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT
TO FUND A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION PROGRAM 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 the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, in March 2004 the TPB approved the Regional Emergency Transportation Coordination Annex which identified the urgent need to strengthen emergency communications and coordination in the transportation sector; and

WHEREAS, in November 2004 and January 2005, the TPB endorsed actions to improve regional transportation communications and coordination during incidents and declared the creation of a regional transportation coordination program as a top priority; and

WHEREAS, in July 2005, the TPB held a special work session to review the status and potential funding sources of a regional transportation coordination program known as "CapCom," and

WHEREAS, Representative James Moran of Virginia sponsored an authorization of \$2 million (\$1.6 million in federal funds) for a "Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Regional Transportation Coordination Program," in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) which became law on August 11, 2005; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2004 the TPB adopted the 2004 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and the FY 2005-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2005 the draft 2005 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and the draft FY 2006-2011 TIP were released for public comment; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of October 13, 2005, VDOT , in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT), has requested an amendment to the FY 2005-2010 TIP and the draft FY 2006-2011 TIP to include funding of \$400,000 per year for 5 years to initiate this regional transportation coordination program as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, this program 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 August 15, 1997 *Federal Register*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2005-2010 TIP and the draft FY 2006-2011 TIP to include funding of \$400,000 per year for 5 years to initiate this regional transportation coordination program, as described in the attached materials.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

GREGORY A. WHIRLEY
ACTING COMMISSIONER

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October 13, 2005

National Capital Region
Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

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

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

On behalf of the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (per attachment #1), the Maryland Department of Transportation (per attachment #2), and itself; the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requests amendments (attached) to the FY 2005-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and to the Draft FY 2006-2011 TIP. The purpose of these TIP amendments will be to add an entry in the cited TIPs for initiating the start-up of a regional transportation coordination and communication program (*a.k.a.*, "CapCom"). Within the Virginia high priority section of the SAFETEA-LU legislation, recently passed by Congress, there was a \$1,600,000 earmark for a "Regional Transportation Coordination Program."

We believe that this project will not adversely affect the conformity analyses performed for the FY-05 TIP, or for the Draft FY-06 TIP. Furthermore, we believe that, as CapCom will "... not involve or lead directly to construction," it is, per Table 2 of 40 CFR §93.126, "... exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be made."

VDOT requests that these amendments be approved by the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) at its meeting on October 19, 2005.

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

October 13, 2005

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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, to Mr. Ben Mannell in VDOT's Transportation and Mobility Planning Division, and to the TPB representatives of DC DOT and MDOT. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Dennis C. Morrison
District Administrator
Northern Virginia District

attachments

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Office of the Director

October 12, 2005

Dennis C. Morrison
District Administrator, Northern Virginia
Virginia Department of Transportation
14685 Avion Parkway,
Chantilly, VA 20151-1104

Reference: Request for TIP Amendment for the "CapCom" Program

Dear Mr. Morrison:

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) requests that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) seek Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments to add an entry in the FY-05 TIP and in the draft FY-06 TIP for the region's "CapCom" project. These amendments will allow the region to access the \$1,600,000 earmark for a "Regional Transportation Coordination Program," which was included in the SAFETEA-LU legislation, recently passed by Congress. Access to this earmark will allow the region to initiate the start-up of this important regional program (*a.k.a.*, "CapCom").

We recognize that the earmark requires a 20% annual match, and DDOT is prepared to provide one third of the annual match for fiscal year 2005 (retroactively) and for fiscal years 2006 through 2009.

If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 671-2628. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Pourciau".

Michelle Pourciau
Deputy Director

cc: Joseph Langley, Northern Virginia District, VDOT
Soumya Dey
Leah Treat



Maryland Department of Transportation
The Secretary's Office

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

Michael S. Steele
Lt. Governor

Robert L. Flanagan
Secretary

James F. Ports, Jr.
Deputy Secretary

October 12, 2005

Mr. Dennis C. Morrison
Northern Virginia District Administrator
Virginia Department of Transportation
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RE: Request for TIP Amendment for the "CapCom" Program

Dear Mr. Morrison:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) understands that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will be seeking a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment to add an entry in the FY-05 TIP for the region's "CapCom" program. This amendment will allow the region to access the \$1,600,000 earmark for a "Regional Transportation Coordination Program," which was included in the SAFETEA-LU legislation, recently passed by Congress. Access to this earmark will allow the region to initiate the start-up of this important regional program (*a.k.a.*, "CapCom").

We recognize that the CapCom earmark will require a 20% annual match and with this letter MDOT affirms its commitment, along with its partners VDOT and the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT), to provide one third of the annual match for fiscal years 2005 (retroactively) and fiscal years 2006 through 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-865-1285, toll free at 1-888-713-1414 or via email at nbottigheimer@mdot.state.md.us. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nat Bottigheimer".

Nat Bottigheimer, Acting Director
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

cc: Mr. John Contestabile, Director, Office of Engineering and Procurement,
Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator, Maryland State Highway Administration

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

PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENT - 10/19/2005

FY 2005-2010

Changes to existing entries are noted in **bold**.

Agency Project ID	Facility, Location, Description	Phase	FY 04 TIP Entry	Carry Over	Annual Element FY 05	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	Program Total FY 05-10	Funding Source	Funding Shares Federal/state/local
VDOT OTHER													
None (New)	Facility: "CapCom" Program	P.E.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$1,600	Earmark	100%
	From: A Regional Transportation	ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$133	DC	100%
	To: Coordination and Communication Program	Const	0	0	0	800*	400	400	400	0	\$133	Maryland Virginia	100%
Jurisdiction: Metropolitan Washington		This funding will initiate start-up and operation of the "CapCom" program, which will be responsible for providing efficient, cost-effective, regional transportation coordination and communication support for transportation management during major incidents.											

* - Includes FY-05 and FY-06 Earmarks (2 years of funding) + state match for 2 years.

CONSTRAINED LONG RANGE PLAN (CLRP)

Proposed Project or Action Description Form
FY 2005 - 2030

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| <p>1. Location and Jurisdiction</p> <p>Facility: “CapCom” Program</p> <p>From/At: A Regional Transportation</p> <p>To: Coordination and Communication Program</p> <p>Jurisdiction: Metropolitan Washington,</p> | <p>2. Submitting Agency: VDOT</p> <p>Agency Project ID: None (New)</p> <p>Last Modified On: 10/11/2005</p> |
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3. Project Type and Description
- | | |
|---|---|
| Construction | Study |
| Transportation Emissions Reduction Measure (TERM) | Illustrative Project |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Action/Strategy |

Description of project or action:

The “CapCom” program will be responsible for providing efficient, cost-effective, regional transportation coordination and communication support for transportation management during major incidents.

Anticipated components of the regional transportation coordination program include:

- **An information backbone**
- **Live transportation information exchange among agencies**
- **Focal point for coordinated, regional transportation operations planning**

Bicycle/pedestrian accommodations included.

4. Project Phasing

Project ID	TIP Improve.	Facility	From	To	Completion Date / In TIP
None (New)	Implement	“CapCom” Program	A Regional Transportation	Coordination and Communication Program	2006 X

Note: “X” after Date indicates project is presently in TIP. Bold “X” denotes amendment into TIP.

5. Purpose/contribution to regional goals

This project addresses several regional goals:

Goal 2. The Washington metropolitan region will develop, implement, and maintain an interconnected transportation system.

Goal 3. The Washington metropolitan region’s transportation system will give priority to management, performance, maintenance, and safety of all modes and facilities.

Goal 4. The Washington metropolitan region will use the best available technology to maximize system effectiveness.

6. Funding and Schedule Information

Cost (In Thousands): **\$2.0 million for startup and operations.**

Date of completion or implementation: **Implementation is anticipated to begin in late 2005.**

Source: **Federal, State, Local,**

Cost and schedule remarks: **The SAFETEA-LU legislation included a \$1,600,000 earmark for this program. State matching funds (\$400,000) have been committed to the program.**

7. CMS Documentation

Is this a highway capacity-increasing project on a limited access or other principal arterial highway?

Yes No

If yes, does this project require a CMS Documentation form under the given criteria?

Yes No

If not, please identify the criteria that exempt the project here:

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Proposed Project or Action Description Form
FY 2005-2010

1. Agency: **VDOT / DC DOT / MDOT**

Last Modified On: **10/11/2005**

2. Location and Jurisdiction

Facility: **CapCom Program**
From/At: **A Regional Transportation**
To: **Coordination and Communication Program**
Jurisdiction: **Metropolitan Washington,**

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4. Project Status

New project.

5. Environmental Review

Preliminary categorical exclusion

6. Funding and Schedule Information

Date of completion or implementation: **2006**

Source	FY	Amount (x 1,000)	Phase	% Fed/State/Loc
Earmark	2006*	\$640	CN	100
DC	2006*	\$53	CN	100
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