



National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Lyn Erickson, Plan Development and Coordination Program Director
SUBJECT: Summary of Comments Received and Proposed Responses on the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program
DATE: March 20, 2019

On February 14, 2019, the draft FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was released for a 30-day public comment period. The board was briefed on the FY 2020 UPWP at its January 16 and February 22 meetings. The comment period closed on March 13. For information purposes, the board will be briefed on the one comment that was received.

Comment:

The Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland supports the “MARC-VRE Run Through Analysis” project that is identified in the FY 2020 UPWP, and would like more information and to provide input on the project (see attached letter).

TPB Response:

Once a consultant is selected and the project moves forward, a detailed project schedule will be prepared. The TPB will be briefed periodically during the project with any updates and key findings.



Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Town Administration

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
777 North Capitol Street NE
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Comments on Draft FY2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Dear NCRT Planning Board Members:

The Town of Riverdale Park would like to provide comments on the Draft FY2020 UPWP, specifically the establishment of run-through service for Maryland MARC trains and Virginia Railway Express (VRE) trains.

The Town is supportive of the MARC VRE Connection as it would extend MARC commuter rail service southward to Virginia and extend VRE service beyond Washington's Union Station to Maryland. The Town has a MARC station within its corporate boundaries and the extended service would provide countless opportunities for residents to travel to employment and recreation hubs such as Washington DC, Rockville, Baltimore, Alexandria, Manassas and Fort Meade.

The Town appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on this important plan. The Town asks that plan updates be sent to the Town Clerk at jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov. Additionally, the Town looks forward to additional opportunities to provide input as the plan solidifies.

Sincerely,

The Town of Riverdale Park

John N. Lestitian, Town Manager