

ITEM 7 - Action
November 18, 2009

Approval of an Amendment to the FY 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which is Exempt From the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to Reduce Funding for the Intermodal Transportation Center at Union Station as Requested by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT)

Staff

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution R11-2010 to amend the FY 2010-2015 TIP to reduce the funding for the Intermodal Transportation Center at Union Station as described in the attached materials.

Issues: None

Background: The Board will be briefed on an amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP requested by the District Department of Transportation to reduce the funding for the Intermodal Transportation Center at Union Station.

**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) WHICH IS
EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO REDUCE FUNDING
AND REVISE PROJECT PHASES FOR THE INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER
AT UNION STATION, AS REQUESTED BY THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION (DDOT)**

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

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of November 10, 2009 DDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to remove \$81 million in federal appropriation funding for preliminary engineering and construction and include \$1.5 million in Section 5309 funding for preliminary engineering for the Intermodal Transportation Center at Union Station, 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 remove \$81 million in federal appropriation funding for preliminary engineering and construction and include \$1.5 million in Section 5309 funding for preliminary engineering for the Intermodal Transportation Center at Union Station, as described in the attached materials.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



TRANSPORTATION, POLICY AND PLANNING ADMINISTRATION

November 10, 2009

The Honorable Charles Jenkins, 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 Jenkins and members of the TPB:

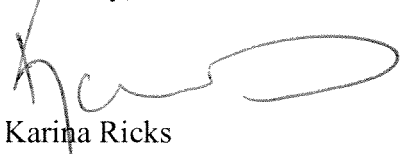
The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) requests an amendment to the FY 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The purpose of this amendment is to decrease funding amounts and revise phases for the Intermodal Transportation Center at Union Station project (TIP ID #4907) in response to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) concerns regarding fiscal constraint as identified during FTA's review of the TIP. Please make the following changes:

- Reduce funding in FY 2010 from \$36 million to \$ 500,000 for preliminary engineering using Section 5309 funds
- Reduce funding in FY 2011 from \$30 million for construction to \$ 500,000 for preliminary engineering using Section 5309 funds
- Reduce funding in FY 2012 from \$15 million for construction to \$500,000 for preliminary engineering using Section 5309 funds

A number of similar amendments were discussed and approved at the November 10th Steering Committee meeting; however, this project was still under FTA review. This amendment is needed so that federal approval of the TPB's FY 2010-2015 TIP can move forward. 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 November 18, 2009 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 large, stylized flourish at the end.

Karina Ricks
Associate Director, Transportation Policy and Planning Administration (TPPA)

cc: Gabe Klein, DDOT (via e-mail)
Leah Treat, DDOT (via e-mail)
Mark Rawlings, 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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Intermodal Transportation Center at Union Station

TIP ID: **4907** Agency ID: Title: **Union Station ITC Air Rights Development** Complete: **2013**

Facility: K Street, NE Section 5309-NS 100/0/0 500 a 500 a 500 a 1,500

From: 3rd Street, NE

Total Funds: 1,500

To: Mass Ave and N. Capitol Street NE

Description: This study is to investigate the development, design and construction of a new Intermodal Transportation Center at Burnham Place and Union Station in Northeast Washington DC. The study area is: K St. NE to the north; 3rd St. NE to the east; Massachusetts Ave. NE to the south; and North Capitol St. to the west.

Amendment	Amendment Requested on:	11/18/2009
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