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

AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2008 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) TO INCLUDE FIVE NEW PLANNING STUDIES FUNDED UNDER THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) MULTIMODAL PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Joint Planning Regulations issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) require a Unified Planning Work Program for Transportation Planning (UPWP); and

WHEREAS, the UPWP is required as a basis and condition for all funding assistance for transportation planning to state, local, and regional agencies by the FHWA and FTA; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2008 UPWP for the Washington Metropolitan Area was adopted by the TPB on March 21, 2007; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of July 12, 2007, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has requested that five new studies funded under the Virginia Multimodal Planning Grant Program with budgets totaling \$961,000 be included in the FY 2008 UPWP; and

WHEREAS, the studies are described in the attached materials, and the study grant recipients include the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Arlington County, Prince William County, and the Town of Dumfries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2008 UPWP to include five new studies funded under the Virginia Multimodal Planning Grant Program with budgets totaling \$961,000, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on July 18, 2007.



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July 12, 2007

The Honorable Catherine Hudgins
Chairman, National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.; Suite 300
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Dear Chairman Hudgins:

Per the guidance of FHWA in Richmond, VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office requests amending the FY 2008 Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to include new planning studies funded under Virginia's Multimodal Planning Grant Program. The proposed amendment adds five multimodal planning studies in the metropolitan area, totaling \$961,000, as described in the attachment. Studies included in the proposed amendment are located in Arlington, Prince William, and the Town of Dumfries. WMATA and the TPB (its TLC program) were also grant recipients.

VDOT requests the Board approve the proposed amendment at its July 18, 2007 meeting so that the Federal funds for these projects can be accessed to commence study work. I thank you for your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Dennis C. Morrison

District Administrator

VDOT - Northern Virginia District

Attachment

cc: Ms. Marsha Fiol, VDOT-TMPD

(w/ attach.)

Dr. Mary Lynn Tischer, Multimodal Transportation Planning Office

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Virginia 2007 Multimodal Planning Grant Program 7/12/07

1) Transportation Planning Board (TPB)

Total Amount \$110,000 Grant \$100,000 Match \$10,000

This project provides additional funding for the TPB Transportation/Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program to be used for providing technical assistance to TPB jurisdictions in Virginia. Studies selected include review of the Special Use Permit Program in Alexandria, review of land use and transportation projects in Fairfax County, visioning and streetscape design in Falls Church, review land use opportunities related to a BRT in the Town of Leesburg, and providing site planning and development guidance to the City of Manassas Park.

2) Arlington County and City of Falls Church- East Falls Church Planning Study

Total \$300,000 Grant \$250,000 Match \$50,000

This project is a planning and transportation study focused on the East Falls Church Metrorail Station area, which is a multimodal hub connecting drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and bus riders to heavy rail. This is the last remaining transit station area to undergo a community planning process in Arlington. The project will be undertaken jointly by Arlington County and the City of Falls Church, with WMATA and VDOT as major participants.

3) Prince William County Mass Transit Plan

Total \$110,000 Grant \$100,000 Match \$10,000

This project is to incorporate a Mass Transit Plan into the County's 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update, to identify how different transit systems and facilities can work together to create a more efficient transportation network. The study will examine VRE, PRTC (local and commuter bus), Metrorail, BRT, light rail, commuter programs, and Transportation Oriented Development.

4) WMATA Feasibility Study of real-time parking at Metrorail Stations

Total \$330,000 Grant \$300,000 Match \$30,000

This project is to perform an implementation strategy study for real-time parking information at the Virginia Metrorail stations. The study will identify and evaluate technological options that can be feasibly implemented at Metro facilities and on VDOT roadways.

5) Town of Dumfries Multimodal Transportation Study

Total \$111,000 Grant \$99,900 Match \$11,100

The Town of Dumfries will develop a Comprehensive Multimodal Transportation Plan that considers land use, access and congestion management, bicycle and pedestrian access, multiuse trails, bus stops, future parking needs, and a Safe Route to School Program. This plan will identify a logical sequence of implementation to promote smart growth and enhance safety.