



## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Transportation Planning Board  
**FROM:** Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director  
**SUBJECT:** Steering Committee Actions and Report of the Director  
**DATE:** February 13, 2020

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The attached materials include:

- Steering Committee Actions
- Letters Sent/Received
- Announcements and Updates





## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Transportation Planning Board  
**FROM:** Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director  
**SUBJECT:** Steering Committee Actions  
**DATE:** February 13, 2020

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At its meeting on February 7, the TPB Steering Committee approved the following resolutions to amend the FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

- **SR16-2020:** To include \$81 million in state funding the Franconia to Occoquan 3rd Track Project; \$23.7 million in Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) funds for the Route 15 Widening project from Battlefield Parkway to Montresor Road; and \$750,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program funding for the Compton Road Shared Use Path project. This amendment was requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation. The Franconia to Occoquan 3rd Track and the Route 15 Widening projects are included in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the plan and TIP. The Compton Road Shared Use Path project is exempt from the air quality conformity requirement.
- **SR17-2020:** To include \$5.16 million in CMAQ and local matching funds for the 16 St. NW Transit Priority project. This amendment was requested by the District Department of Transportation and the project is included in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the plan and TIP.

The TPB Bylaws provide that the Steering Committee “shall have the full authority to approve non-regionally significant items, and in such cases, it shall advise the TPB of its action.”

### Attachments

- TPB Steering Committee Attendance
- SR16-2020
- SR17-2020

**TPB STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**ATTENDANCE – FEBRUARY 7, 2020**

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

**RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2019-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE FRANCONIA TO OCCOQUAN THIRD TRACK PROJECT, THE US 15 WIDENING BETWEEN BATTLEFIELD PARKWAY AND MONTRESOR ROAD NORTH OF LEESBURG PROJECT, AND THE COMPTON ROAD SHARED USE PATH PROJECT, 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 Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act 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 17, 2018 the TPB adopted the FY 2019-2024 TIP; and

**WHEREAS**, in the attached letters of January 29 and 30, 2020, VDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2019-2024 TIP to include \$81 million in state funding between FY 2020 and FY 2023 for planning and engineering on the **Franconia to Occoquan 3<sup>rd</sup> Track Project (TIP ID 6706)**; \$23.7 million in Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) funds in FY 2020 for planning and engineering and right-of-way acquisition for the **Route 15 Widening from Battlefield Parkway to Montresor Road (TIP ID 6702)**; and \$750,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program for planning and engineering on the **Compton Road Shared Use Path project (TIP ID 6708)**, as described below and in the attached materials:

**WHEREAS**, full funding for these projects is included in the Visualize 2045 financial analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Route 15 Widening from Battlefield Parkway to Montresor Road** and the **Franconia to Occoquan 3<sup>rd</sup> Track projects** are included in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of Visualize 2045 and the FY 2019-2024 TIP, and the **Compton Road Shared Use Path project** is exempt from the air quality conformity requirement, as defined in Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Regulations as of April 2012

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2019-2024 TIP to include \$81 million in state funding between FY 2020 and FY 20203 for planning and engineering on the **Franconia to Occoquan 3<sup>rd</sup> Track Project (TIP ID 6706)**; \$23.7 million in NVTA funds in FY 2020 for planning and engineering and right-of-way acquisition for the **Route 15 Widening from Battlefield Parkway to Montesor Road (TIP ID 6702)**; and \$750,000 in CMAQ program for planning and engineering on the **Compton Road Shared Use Path project (TIP ID 6708)**, as described below and in the attached materials:

**Adopted by the TPB Steering Committee at its regular meeting on February 7, 2020.**



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

4975 Alliance Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22030

Stephen C. Brich, P.E.  
COMMISSIONER

January 29, 2020

The Honorable Kelly Russell, Chair  
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20002-4201

RE: FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments for TIP# 6706, Franconia to Occoquan Third Track

Dear Ms. Russell:

On behalf of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requests an amendment to the FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add TIP # 6706, the Franconia to Occoquan 3rd Track Project. This project is closely associated with the Long Bridge project. It will add approximately eight miles of a third main line track to an existing two-track portion of the RF&P rail corridor from one mile north of the Franconia-Springfield VRE station to approximately 400 feet north of Furnace Road, just north of the Occoquan River. Project includes a three-mile passenger rail bypass (flyover) at the northern end of the project limits.

The proposed amendment adds approximately \$81 million in State funding for preliminary engineering. The total project cost estimate is \$555 Million.

The additional Virginia Railway Express (VRE) capacity added by the project is included in Visualize 2045 Air Quality Conformity Analysis and will not change the Financial Constraint findings of the TIP. This amendment reflects the latest estimates and planned obligations of the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

VDOT requests approval of the amendment by the Transportation Planning Board's Steering Committee at its meeting on February 7, 2020. VDOT's representative will attend the meeting and be available to answer any questions about the amendments.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Helen Cuervo, P.E.  
District Administrator, Northern Virginia District, VDOT

**Cc: Ms. Rene'e Hamilton, VDOT-NoVA  
Ms. Marie Berry, DRPT  
Ms. Katherine Youngbluth, DRPT  
Ms. Maria Sinner, P.E., VDOT-NoVA,  
Mr. Norman Whitaker, AICP, VDOT-NoVA**





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RE: FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments for TIP# 6702, US 15  
widening from two to four lanes, UPC # 114014

Dear Ms. Russell:

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requests an amendment to the FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add TIP # 6702, US 15 widening from two to four lanes between Battlefield Parkway and Montesor Road north of Leesburg, Virginia. This is part of a series of improvements recommended in the Route 15 Congestion Report. The proposed amendment adds \$6,095,683 for the preliminary engineering phase and \$17,592,000 for the right-of-way phase in FFY20. NVTA is providing the funding for both phases. When completed, the Route 15 widening project will include safety, operations and bicycle pedestrian improvements.

The widening is including in the Visualize 2045 Air Quality Conformity Analysis and is consistent with the Visualize 2045 Financial Plan. This amendment reflects the latest estimates and financial allocations of the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

VDOT requests approval of the amendment by the Transportation Planning Board's Steering Committee at its meeting on February 7, 2020. VDOT's representative will attend the meeting and be available to answer any questions about the amendments.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Helen Cuervo, P.E.  
District Administrator, Northern Virginia District, VDOT

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Mr. Norman Whitaker, AICP, VDOT-NoVA



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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COMMISSIONER

January 30, 2020

The Honorable Kelly Russell, Chair  
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20002-4201

RE: FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments for TIP# 6708, Compton Road Shared Use Path

Dear Ms. Russell:

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requests an amendment to the FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the Compton Road Shared Use Path project. VDOT will construct a 10' shared use path on the northeast side of Compton Road, excluding the portion of trail under the I-66 Bridge, which will be constructed by the I-66 concessionaire. The path extends from the Cub Run Stream Valley Trail in Fairfax County to the Bull Run Special Events Center.

We are programming \$600,000 in CMAQ funding and \$150,000 in state matching funds for preliminary engineering in FY 20. The total cost of the path is currently estimated at \$4.5 million. This project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. The CMAQ funding was anticipated in the Visualize 2045 Financial Plan.

VDOT requests approval of the amendment by the Transportation Planning Board's Steering Committee at its meeting on February 7, 2020. VDOT's representative will attend the meeting and be available to answer any questions about the amendments.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Helen Cuervo, P.E.

District Administrator, Northern Virginia District, VDOT

Cc: Ms. Rene'e Hamilton, VDOT-NoVA  
Ms. Maria Sinner, P.E., VDOT-NoVA,  
Mr. Norman Whitaker, AICP, VDOT-NoVA

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA  
FY 2019-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)**

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Source Total
TIP ID: <b>6702</b> Agency ID: <b>114014</b> Title: <b>ROUTE 15 WIDENING FROM TWO TO FOUR LANES</b>			Complete: <b>2026</b>			Total Cost: <b>\$81,164</b>			
Facility: US 15 James Monroe HWY	NVTA	0/100/0		6,096 a					23,688
From: Battlefield Pkwy				17,592 b					
To: VA 661 Montresor Road									
<b>Total Funds:</b>									<b>23,688</b>

Description: This locally administered, NVTA funded project set-up UPC number is for the sole purpose of inclusion in the STIP/TIP. Implement improvement recommendations from the Route 15 Congestion Report.

**Amendment: Add New Project** **Approved on: 2/7/2020**  
Amend project into the FY 2019-2024 with \$6,095,683 (Other - NVTA) PE phase \$17,592,000 (Other - NVTA) RW phase in FFY20.

TIP ID: <b>6706</b> Agency ID: <b>DRPT002</b> Title: <b>Franconia to Occoquan 3rd Track Project</b>			Complete:			Total Cost: <b>\$555,000</b>			
Facility: CSX Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potoma	State/Local	0/100/0		26,197 a	27,877 a	26,849 a	691 a		81,614
From: 1 mi. N. Franconia-Springfield VRE Station (									
To: Approximately 400' N. of Furnace Rd, just N.									
<b>Total Funds:</b>									<b>81,614</b>

Description: Add approximately eight miles of a third main line track to an existing two-track portion of the RF&P rail corridor from one mile north of the Franconia-Springfield VRE station to approximately 400 feet north of Furnace Road, just north of the Occoquan River. Project includes a three-mile passenger rail bypass (flyover) at the northern end of the project limits

**Amendment: Add New Project** **Approved on: 2/7/2020**  
Amend project into the FY 2019-2024 TIP with \$80.984 million in state funding for preliminary engineering between FY 2020 and FY 2023

TIP ID: <b>6708</b> Agency ID: <b>115604</b> Title: <b>COMPTON ROAD SHARED USE PATH</b>			Complete: <b>2024</b>			Total Cost: <b>\$4,500</b>			
Facility: VA 658 Compton Road	CMAQ	80/20/0		750 a					750
From: Cub Run Stream Valley Trail									
To: Bull Run Special Events Center Access Roa									
<b>Total Funds:</b>									<b>750</b>

Description: Construct 10' shared use path on the northeast side of Compton Road, excluding the portion of trail under the I-66 bridge (to be constructed by EMP/FAM)

**Amendment: Add New Project** **Approved on: 2/7/2020**  
Amend project into the FY 2019-2024 TIP with \$600,000 in CMAQ and \$150,000 in state matching funds in FY 2020 for PE.



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

**RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2019-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE 16<sup>TH</sup> ST. NW TRANSIT PRIORITY PROJECT, AS REQUESTED BY THE DISTRICT 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 the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act 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 17, 2018 the TPB adopted the FY 2019-2024 TIP; and

**WHEREAS**, in the attached letter of January 29, 2020, DDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2019-2024 TIP to include an additional \$5.16 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program and local matching funds in FY 2021 for the **16 St. NW Transit Priority** project (**TIP ID 6638**) as described in the attached materials; and

**WHEREAS**, this project was included in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of Visualize 2045 and the FY 2019-2024 TIP; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for these projects are included in the Visualize 2045 financial analysis; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2019-2024 TIP to include an additional \$5.16 million in CMAQ program and local matching funds in FY 2021 for the **16 St. NW Transit Priority** project (**TIP ID 6638**) as described in the attached materials.

**Adopted by the TPB Steering Committee at its regular meeting on February 7, 2020.**



**Government of the District of Columbia**  
**Department of Transportation**



**d. Planning and Sustainability Division**

January 29, 2020

The Honorable Kelly Russell, Chairperson  
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
777 North Capitol Street N.E., Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20002-4290

Dear Chairperson Russell,

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) requests that the FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be amended to increase funding for one project as detailed below:

16th St NW Transit Priority (TIP ID# 6638) – Add CMAQ funding in the amount of \$5,160,000 for construction for program year 2020.

The proposed amendment does not add additional capacity for motorized vehicles and does not require conformity analysis or public review and comment. The funding sources have been identified, and the TIP will remain fiscally constrained. Therefore, DDOT requests that the TPB Steering Committee approve this amendment at its February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Should you have questions regarding this amendment, please contact Mark Rawlings at (202) 671-2234 or by e-mail at [mark.rawlings@dc.gov](mailto:mark.rawlings@dc.gov). Of course, feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Sebastian', written over a light blue horizontal line.

James Sebastian  
Associate Director, Planning and Sustainability Division (PSD)

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
FY 2019-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)**

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Source Total
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**DDOT**

TIP ID: <b>6638</b>	Agency ID:	Title: <b>16th St NW Transit Priority</b>	Complete: <b>2024</b>	Total Cost: <b>\$17,670</b>
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Facility: 16th St NW	CMAQ	80/20/0	1,000 a	5,160 e	2,004 e				8,164
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From: H St NW

To: Arkansas Ave NW

**Total Funds: 8,164**

Description: The purpose of the Proposed Action is to improve transit performance and reliability along with pedestrian crossings, bus stops, and sidewalks along 16th Street NW between H Street NW and Arkansas Avenue NW. 16th Street is a multimodal corridor and the purpose of the project is to move more people through the corridor quickly to meet the existing and long-term regional mobility and local accessibility needs for residents and the traveling public within the project area.

- a. 16th St NW Transit Priority
- b. 16th St NW Transit Priority Cameras

**Amendment: Funding Increase** **Approved on: 2/7/2020**  
 Increase CMAQ funding in 2020 for Construction by \$5,160,000.





**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Transportation Planning Board  
**FROM:** Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director  
**SUBJECT:** Letters Sent/Received  
**DATE:** February 13, 2020

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The attached letters were sent/received since the last TPB meeting.





National Capital Region  
**Transportation Planning Board**

February 6, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to express the support of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the National Capital Region, for an application by the National Park Service (NPS) for a grant under the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Program, for the reconstruction of the north section of the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP).

The TPB recognizes the GWMP as a critically-important regional roadway that facilitates the travel of more than 33 million vehicles per year, with the northernmost section experiencing the heaviest traffic. The GWMP is the only limited-access roadway that connects directly with all the Potomac River crossings between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia as well as the two Capital Beltway Potomac River crossings.

The TPB understand that the proposed project will address serious deterioration of the GWMP and implement significant safety improvements. If funded, the NPS plans to repave nearly eight miles of road along the parkway, repair storm water management systems to prevent erosion at drainage outfalls; and rehabilitate two historic, scenic overlooks. The roadway has experienced critical infrastructure failure in the last year including a sinkhole that resulted in \$1.6M in emergency work and travel restrictions exceeding 100 days. The project will also include replacing guardrails, repairing walls, constructing new curbs, and building emergency turnarounds along the north end of the Parkway. Moreover, completing the proposed project will address a significant part of the NPS's \$1.7 billion maintenance backlog within the National Capital Region, which includes more than \$395 million for the GWMP alone.

This project will improve a critical link in the National Capital Region's transportation network while preserving the historical and cultural characteristics that make the Parkway one of the most scenic roadways in the country. These proposed improvements will increase the safety of visitors while significantly extending the life of the Parkway.

The project proposed for this grant directly responds to the regional transportation goals adopted by the TPB and identified in the Washington region's long-range transportation plan, *Visualize 2045*. This includes the TPB Vision Statement, which states, "[i]n the 21st Century, the Washington metropolitan region remains a vibrant world capital, with a transportation system that provides efficient movement of people and goods. This system promotes the region's economy and environmental quality, and operates in an attractive and safe setting. . ." Moreover, the TPB recently has placed special emphasis on making safety a regional priority in its deliberations.

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
February 6, 2020

As such the TPB appreciates your favorable consideration of NPS's application for this grant. I anticipate that upon a successful grant award, subject to the availability of the required matching funding, the region's transportation improvement program (TIP) will be amended to include this project.

Sincerely,



Kelly Russell  
Chair, National Capital Region  
Transportation Planning Board

Cc: Charles Cuvelier, Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway



National Capital Region  
**Transportation Planning Board**

February 6, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Chao:

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Kelly Russell  
Chair, National Capital Region  
Transportation Planning Board

Cc: Charles Cuvelier, Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway



## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Transportation Planning Board  
**FROM:** Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director  
**SUBJECT:** Announcements and Updates  
**DATE:** February 13, 2020

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The attached documents provide updates on activities that are not included as separate items on the TPB agenda.







## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Transportation Planning Board  
**FROM:** John Swanson, TPB Transportation Planner  
**SUBJECT:** FY 2021 Solicitation for TLC Applications  
**DATE:** February 13, 2020

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March 9, 2020 is the deadline for FY 2021 applications for technical assistance from the Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program.

Any local jurisdiction in the National Capital Region that is a member of the TPB is eligible to apply. Non-profits and non-member jurisdictions in the region may apply as secondary recipients to a TPB member jurisdiction. Recipients receive short-term consultant services and no direct financial assistance. Projects are eligible to receive between \$30,000 and \$60,000 in technical assistance for planning projects and up to \$80,000 for design projects. TLC projects typically last 6-8 months.

As in past years, TLC Technical Assistance may include a range of services, such as:

- Corridor and transit station area planning
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety and access studies
- Transit-oriented development studies
- Housing studies
- Economic development studies
- Design guidelines and roadway standards
- Streetscape improvement plans
- Safe Routes to School planning
- Trail planning and design
- Transit demand and feasibility analysis

The TPB encourages applications that address one or more of the following priorities:

- Multimodal transportation options
- Land-use enhancements in Activity Centers and around high-capacity transit stations
- Access to transit (particularly 30% design projects that improve ped/bike access to existing high-capacity transit stations)
- Access for low-income and minority communities
- Key regional trails

A selection panel in March will develop a slate of projects recommended for funding. The TPB will be asked to approve the recommended projects in April or May. Staff will procure consultants for the projects during the summer and the projects will begin this fall.

For more information, contact John Swanson (202-962-3295; [jswanson@mwkog.org](mailto:jswanson@mwkog.org)), Jaleel Reed (202-962-3321; [jreed@mwkog.org](mailto:jreed@mwkog.org)); or [www.mwkog.org/tlc](http://www.mwkog.org/tlc).