



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director
SUBJECT: Steering Committee Actions and Report of the Director
DATE: April 12, 2018

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: April 12, 2018

At its meeting on April 6, the TPB Steering Committee approved the following resolution:

- SR17-2018: To amend the FY 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include \$250,000 in Surface Transportation Program funding for the Rehabilitation of Eastern Avenue NE project; \$5 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program funding for the Rock Creek Park Trail project; and \$877,000 in Highway Safety Improvement Program funding for the Roadside Improvements Citywide project, as requested by the District Department of Transportation. These projects are exempt from the air quality conformity requirement.

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
- SR17-2018

**TPB STEERING COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE – April 6, 2018**

MEMBERS

Kelly Russell	City of Frederick
Mark Rawlings	DDOT
Kari Snyder	MDOT
Norman Whitaker	VDOT
Allison Davis	WMATA
Bob Brown	Loudoun County

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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 2017-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE REHABILITATION OF EASTERN AVE. NE, ROCK CREEK PARK TRAIL, AND NEIGHBORHOOD STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS, 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 November 16, 2016 the TPB adopted the FY 2017-2022 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of March 29, DDOT has requested that the FY 2017-2022 TIP be amended to reinstate the Rehabilitation of Eastern Ave. NE from New Hampshire Ave. NE to Whitter St. NW project (TIP ID 6419) with \$250,000 in Surface Transportation Program (STP) and local matching funds in FY 2018; to add \$5 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program and local matching funds in FY 2018 for the Rock Creek Park Trail project (TIP ID 3230); and to add \$877,000 in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and local matching funds to the Neighborhood Streetscape Improvements project (TIP ID 5308), as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, these projects are 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 2017-2022 TIP to reinstate the Rehabilitation of Eastern Ave. NE from New Hampshire Ave. NE to Whitter St. NW project (TIP ID 6419) with \$250,000 in STP and local matching funds in FY 2018; to add \$5 million in CMAQ program and local matching funds in FY 2018 for the Rock Creek Park Trail project (TIP ID 3230); and to add \$877,000 HSIP and local matching funds to the Neighborhood Streetscape Improvements project (TIP ID 5308), as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board Steering Committee at its regular meeting on April 6, 2018

Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



d. Planning and Sustainability Division

March 29, 2018

The Honorable Charles Allen, 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 Allen,

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) requests that the FY 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be amended to reinstate one project and to update project funding for two projects as detailed below:

Project proposed to be reinstated:

- 1) Rehabilitation of Eastern Avenue NE from New Hampshire Ave, NE to Whittier Street NW: (TIP ID: 6419) – Add \$250,000 in STP funds in FY 2018 for design

Projects proposed for funding updates:

- 1) Neighborhood Streetscape Improvements: sub-project d - Missouri Avenue, Kansas Avenue, Kennedy Street Intersection Improvements: (TIP ID: 5308) – Add \$877,000 in HSIP funds in FY 2018 for construction
- 2) Rock Creek Park Trail: (TIP ID: 3230) - Add \$5.0 Million in CMAQ funds in FY 2018 for construction

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 April 6, 2018 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. Of course, feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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

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

FY 2017 - 2022

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	Source Total
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DDOT

Secondary

Rehabilitation of Eastern Avenue NE from New Hampshire Ave, NE to Whitter Street NW

TIP ID: 6419	Agency ID:	Title: Rehabilitation of Eastern Avenue NE from New Hampshire Ave, NE to Whitter Street NW						Total Cost:	\$4,323
Facility: Eastern Avenue NE	STP	80/20/0	500 a	250 a				250	
From: New Hampshire Ave NE								Total Funds:	250
To: Whitter Street NW									

Description: Rehabilitate of Reconstruct Asphalt Overlay on concrete pavement, replace deteriorated catch basins, manholes, curb and ramps

Amendment: Amend FY 2018 to reinstate project

Add 250K in FY 18 to reinstate the Rehabilitation of Eastern Avenue NE from New Hampshire Ave, NE to Whitter Street NW project.

Approved on: 4/6/2018

Bike/Ped

Rock Creek Park Trail

TIP ID: 3230	Agency ID: AF005A	Title: Rock Creek Park Trail						Complete:	Total Cost: \$14,000
Facility: M Street to Beach Drive	CMAQ	80/20/0	3,000 c	15,000 c				15,000	
From: Piney Branch Pkwy	DEMO	80/20/0	500 a						
To: 16th Street								Total Funds:	15,000

Description: Rehabilitate the paved trail in Rock Creek Park including selected widening, resurfacing, new connections, and a new bridge south of the Zoo tunnel. Retaining wall repair on Piney Branch.

Modification: Shift Funding

Move \$11 million in CMAQ and matching funds from FY 2017 to FY 2018.

Amendment: Add Funding

Add \$5.5 million in CMAQ funding for construction in FY 2017.

Amendment: Increase FY 18 Funding

Request to add an additional 5 Mil to FY 18 for final estimate.

Approved on: 10/5/2017

Approved on: 9/8/2017

Approved on: 4/6/2018

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CAPITAL COSTS (in \$,000)**

FY 2017 - 2022

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	Source Total		
			2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022			
Other											
Roadside Improvements Citywide											
TIP ID: 5308		Agency ID: SR070A, ED070		Title: Neighborhood Streetscape Improvements			Complete:		Total Cost:	\$22,253	
Facility:	HSIP	90/10/0	50	a	877	c				927	
From:										Total Funds:	927

To: Description: Improve sidewalks, curbs, gutters, trees, streetlights, traffic signals and trash receptacles. Projects include:
 A. 14th Street Streetscape, Thomas Circle - Florida Ave
 B. U St, NW Florida Ave. to 14th St.
 C. Sheriff Road NE safety improvements from 43rd St. to 51st St.
 D. Missouri Avenue, Kansas Avenue, Kennedy Street Intersection Improvements
 E. 15th Street NW Intersection Safety Improvements

Amendment: Add 2017 funding for sup-project letter e. 15th Street NW Intersection Safety Improvements
 Add 50k of HSIP in 2017 for 15th St NW Intersection Safety Improvements
Amendment: Add 2018 funding for sup-project letter d. Missouri Avenue, Kansas Avenue, Kennedy Street Intersecti
 Request to add 877K to FY2018 for Construction for sub project letter d. Missouri Avenue, Kansas Avenue, Kennedy Street Intersection

Approved on: 6/21/2017
 Approved on: 4/6/2018



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director
SUBJECT: Letters Sent/Received
DATE: April 12, 2018

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



National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board

April 4, 2018

Mr. Pete Rahn
Transportation Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, Maryland 21076

Dear Mr. Rahn:

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 Greyhound to the Maryland Department of Transportation for Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus funding.

The TPB understands that Greyhound is requesting funding for its operation of a daily round-trip intercity service between Wilmington, DE and Washington, DC with intermediate stops in Maryland at Elkton, Northeast, Perryville, Havre de Grace, Aberdeen, Edgewood, White Marsh Station, Baltimore, Laurel and College Park. This intercity lifeline service has been operating since 2011 and provides transit accessibility to long-distance travelers headed to and from the National Capital Region.

Continued investment in intercity transit projects is an important need for the National Capital Region and intercity travel considerations are part of the TPB's long range plan development process. Opportunities to provide transit accessibility and promote intercity travel to the region are important goals for the TPB.

The TPB appreciates your strong consideration of Greyhound's application as it directly responds to regional transportation goals and priorities adopted by the Transportation Planning Board and identified in the Washington region's long-range transportation plan.

I urge your favorable consideration of the Greyhound funding request for Section 5311(f) funds.

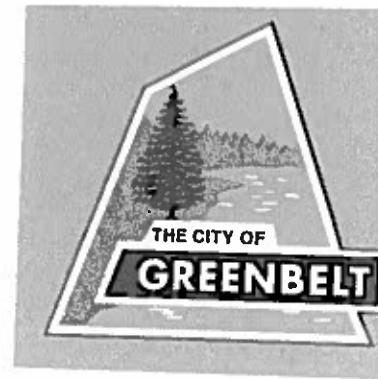
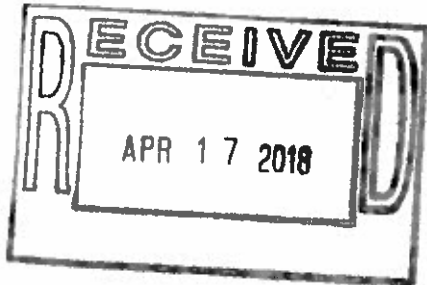
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Allen".

Charles Allen
Chair, National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board

CITY OF GREENBELT

25 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MD. 20770-1886



April 6, 2018

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The Honorable Charles Allen, Chair
Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, NE, STE 300
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Chair Allen:

On March 8, the TPB Steering Committee approved an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include \$67 Million in State funding for planning and engineering on the I-270 and I-495 Traffic Relief Plan. The City believes such a project is not minor and should be considered/approved by the full Transportation Planning Board (TPB), which is representative of MWCOG's membership and our region's jurisdictions.

In the future, the Greenbelt City Council urges the full TPB to consider this matter. Further, the City encourages the TPB to modify its practices so these regionally-significant matters are addressed by the entire Board.

Sincerely,


Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor

cc: City Council
Chuck Bean, MWCOG Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director
SUBJECT: Announcements and Updates
DATE: April 12, 2018

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



TLC PEER EXCHANGE WEBINAR: IMPROVING WALK AND BIKE ACCESS TO TRANSIT

Sponsored by the TPB and ULI Washington

Thursday, May 10, 2018, 12:00 - 1:30 P.M.

Join us for a 90-minute webinar to share lessons learned while supporting projects aligned with the TPB's endorsed initiative to improve bike and pedestrian access at high-capacity transit stations.

Alia Anderson from Toole Design Group, Scott Rowe from Prince George's County, and Chris Wells from Fairfax County, will share their knowledge and experience working these projects in the region.

Discover how technical assistance provided through TPB's Transportation Land-Use Connection Programs and ULI-Washington Technical Assistance Panels (TAP) can support projects in your community

1.5 AICP CM are available for this webinar.

For more information and to register, visit mwcog.org/tlc

WORKING TOGETHER TO REACH OUR TRANSPORTATION GOALS

A call to action for jurisdictions

Hon. Charles Allen
TPB Chair
Councilmember, Council of the District of Columbia

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
April 11, 2018

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A LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION



A call to action

Develop projects, programs, or policies to advance the concepts represented by the 7 initiatives endorsed by the TPB



Why now?

Our current long range transportation plan is not anticipated to provide satisfactory performance compared to current conditions nor will it bring us close enough to reaching our goals

- Majority of population not close to high capacity transit (64%)
- SOV predominant mode of work trips in
 - Inner Suburbs (61%) Outer (76%) Suburbs (76%)
- Many areas in eastern part of the region will see decrease in auto access to jobs (45 min of auto travel)
- Peak hour congested lane miles will increase (65%)
- Daily vehicle hours of delay will increase by 74% relative to today
- Reductions in carbon dioxide emissions short of the region's go



Seven endorsed initiatives

- Bring jobs and housing closer together
- Expand BRT regionwide
- Move more people on Metrorail
- Provide more telecommuting and other options for commuting
- Expand the express highway network
- Improve walk and bike access to transit
- Complete the National Capital Trail



Why these 7 initiatives

- TPB Consensus - Top performing, Regional, Multimodal, and Multi-disciplinary
- Task force of elected officials, senior technical representatives, and citizen representatives
- Two year systemic examination of local jurisdictions' plans
- From about 100 ideas and analysis of 10 “bundled” initiatives
- Includes mutually supportive projects, programs and policy strategies
- Informed by findings from many past scenarios studies
- Addresses identified challenges to achieving transportation goals



How you can help

- Examine, Enact, Enforce **Policies**
 - Fund and Administer **Programs**
 - Prioritize and fund **Projects**
- } **that:**
- ✓ better manages peak period demand
 - ✓ reduces single occupant travel
 - ✓ makes transit more viable and affordable
 - ✓ enhances existing infrastructure



LEGISLATIVE MONITORING UPDATE

April 2018

Chuck Bean
Executive Director

Monica Beyrouti Nunez
Government Relations Supervisor

COG Board of Directors
April 11, 2018

Agenda Item 7



Metropolitan Washington
Council of Governments

Metro Legislation – Virginia

March 10 – Metro dedicated funding legislation passed by General Assembly

- Establishes annual dedicated funding for Metro of \$154 million
 - Motor Vehicle Fuel Sales Tax
 - Northern Virginia Transportation District Fund
 - Revenue from the existing Motor Vehicle Rental Tax
 - Existing NVTA revenues or local dollars (WMATA jurisdictions in Northern Virginia)
 - Existing 2% regional Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT)
 - Existing \$0.15/\$100 Grantor's Tax
- Limits WMATA board to 8 participating members
- Requires a 3 percent annual growth cap on operating assistance budget increases
- Requires adoption of a 6-year capital improvement program and a strategic plan
- Contingent on DC and MD enacting legislation



Metropolitan Washington
Council of Governments

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April 11, 2018

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Metro Legislation – Virginia

April 9 – Governor Northam submitted amendments to Metro legislation

- Proposes additional \$30 million in annual revenue
 - Increase the regional Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) to 3% in Northern Virginia
 - Increase the regional Grantor's Tax to \$0.20/\$100 in Northern Virginia

April 18 – Reconvened Session on proposed amendments

Metro Legislation – Maryland

April 5 - Metro dedicated funding legislation passed by General Assembly

- Establishes annual dedicated funding for Metro of \$167 million
 - Mandated appropriation from the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund
- WMATA must submit annual financial and performance reports
- Requires a 3 percent annual growth cap on operating assistance budget increases
- Contingent on DC and VA enacting legislation

Metro Legislation – Maryland

April 6 – General Assembly passed the Metro Board Member Act

- Changes MD’s board appointees to be the Secretary of Transportation (or designee) and alternating appointment by Governor from Montgomery and PGC
- Encourages Compact signatories to support the following reforms:
 - Reduce size of WMATA Board of Directors and require transportation expertise
 - Improve the independent investigation and oversight of the Authority
 - Prohibit elected officials from serving on the Board
 - Remove the veto authority
 - Provide equitable compensation for board members
 - Enhance transparency and improve stakeholder input

April 9 – General Assembly passed the Oversight Enhancement Act

- Establishes requirements to strengthen the office of the inspector general
- Needs to be considered by Virginia and DC in future sessions to be enacted

April 9 – Last day of Session, passed bills sent to Governor Hogan



Metro Legislation – District of Columbia

March 21 – Mayor Bowser introduced the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Support Act of 2018

April 10 – DC Council Approved Dedicated Funding for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Emergency Act of 2018

- Establishes annual dedicated funding for Metro of \$178.5 million
 - Revenue generated from a sales tax
- Contingent on DC and VA enacting legislation

May 29 – Final Committee of the Whole and Council consideration of the FY19 budget



Dates of Importance

- April 11** – VA Special Session on budget begins
- April 18** – VA Reconvened Session
- May 28** – MD Governor must sign or veto bills
- May 29** – Budget out of the Council of the District of Columbia

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TRANSPORTATION FORUM FOR NOVA'S ELECTED LEADERS



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Northern Virginia's Elected Leaders and staff are invited to learn more about the transportation agencies that serve our region. Enjoy presentations and a discussion from the agencies working together to deliver transportation solutions that enhance the quality of life for Northern Virginians.

WHEN

April 23rd, 2018, 8:30am - 11am

WHERE

George Mason University

**Founders Hall 111, Schar School of Policy and Government
3351 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA**

RSVP

Please e-mail SarahCamille.Hipp@theNoVaAuthority.org by April 19th to reserve your place. Space is limited.

Thank you to George Mason University for providing our room & location!

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Transportation Planning Board



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