

# National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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Item #5

## **MEMORANDUM**

October 11, 2012

To: Transportation Planning Board

From: Ronald F. Kirby  
Director, Department of  
Transportation Planning

Re: Steering Committee Actions

At its meeting on October 5, 2012, the TPB Steering Committee approved the following resolution:

- SR6-2013: Resolution on an amendment to the FY 2013- 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that is exempt from the air quality conformity requirement to amend the Congestion Management Area-wide Category to include additional funding for planning for operations studies, as requested by the Maryland Department of Transportation

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.”



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

**RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2013- 2018 TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY  
CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO AMEND THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT  
AREA-WIDE CATEGORY TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR PLANNING  
FOR OPERATIONS STUDIES, AS REQUESTED BY THE  
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT)**

**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 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21) 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 July 18, 2012 the TPB adopted the FY 2013-2018 TIP; and

**WHEREAS**, in the attached letter of September 27, 2012, MDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2013-2018 TIP to amend the Congestion Management Area-wide Category to add \$3.5 million in National Highway System (NHS) funding in FY 2013 for planning for operations studies, as described in the attached materials; and

**WHEREAS**, this projects 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 Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2013-2018 TIP to amend the Congestion Management Area-wide Category to add \$3.5 million in NHS funding to FY 2013 for planning for operations studies, as described in the attached materials.

**Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board Steering Committee at its regular meeting on October 5, 2012.**





**Maryland Department of Transportation**  
The Secretary's Office

**Martin O'Malley**  
Governor

**Anthony G. Brown**  
Lt. Governor

**Darrell B. Mobley**  
Acting Secretary

**Leif A. Dormsjo**  
Acting Deputy Secretary

September 27, 2012

The Honorable Todd M. Turner, Chair  
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300  
Washington DC 20002

Dear Chairman Turner:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requests an amendment to the State Highway Administration (SHA) portion of the FY 2013-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as described in the attached memo. The amendment is needed to enable SHA to conduct Planning for Operations studies in the Washington Region. MDOT is proposing to add \$3.5 million in National Highway System funds to the Congestion Management Areawide Category for this effort.

TIP ID#	Project	Phase	Amount of New Funding
3085	Areawide Congestion Management	PP/PE/ROW	\$3,500,000

The Planning for Operations studies will be an interdisciplinary (Traffic and Highway Engineering, and Operational Units) effort to address congestion by developing a series of improvement alternatives that can be implemented in a short time-frame. The alternatives may include geometric as well as incident management improvement options.

MDOT requests that this amendment be approved by the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) Steering Committee on its October 5, 2012 meeting.

The revised funding status will not impact scheduling or funding availability for other projects in the current TIP, which continues to be fiscally constrained. The cost does not affect the portion of the federal funding which was programmed for transit, or any allocations of state aid in lieu of federal aid to local jurisdictions.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Lyn Erickson, at 410-865-1279, toll-free at 888-713-1414 or via email at [lerickson@mdot.state.md.us](mailto:lerickson@mdot.state.md.us). Of course, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank You,

Michael W. Nixon, Manager  
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

Attachment

The Honorable Todd M. Turner  
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cc: Ms. Mary Deitz, Chief, Regional and Intermodal Planning Division, SHA  
Ms. Lyn Erickson, Manager, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, MDOT  
Ms. Heather Murphy, Deputy Director, Office of Planning and Capital Programming,  
MDOT



Martin O'Malley, Governor  
Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor

Darrell B. Mobley, Acting Secretary  
Melinda B. Peters, Administrator

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mr. Don Halligan, Director  
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

**ATTN:** Ms. Lyn Erickson  
Mr. Mike Nixon

**FROM:** Mary Deitz, Chief *Kiesha Markley for*  
Regional and Intermodal Planning Division

**DATE:** September 25, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Amendment Request to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the National Capital Region - For Areawide Congestion Management TIP ID #3085

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**OFFICE OF PLANNING & CAPITAL PROGRAMMING**

Attached is an amendment for the inclusion in the FY 2013 National Capital Region Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP). The amendment outlined is needed to reflect the addition of \$3.5 million in National Highway System (NHS) funds to the congestion management areawide category. The funds will be used to conduct Planning for Operations studies in the Washington Region.

TIP ID#	Project	Phase	Amount of New Funding
3085	Areawide Congestion Management	PP/PE RW	\$3,500,000

After your review, please forward this request to the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments. Upon approval of the requested TIP amendment, please process an amendment to the FY 2013 STIP using the funding information provided in the attachment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Vaughn Lewis, Regional Planner, State Highway Administration (SHA), at 410-545-5673 or via email at vlewis@sha.state.md.us.

**Attachment**

- cc: Mr. Roy Gothie, Regional Planner, SHA
- Mr. Vaughn Lewis, Regional Planner, SHA
- Ms. L'Kiesha Markley, Assistant Chief, Regional and Intermodal Planning Division, SHA
- Mr. David L. Rodgers, Assistant Regional Planner, SHA
- Mr. Gregory I. Slater, Director, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, SHA

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-5675/1-888-204-4828  
Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech 1.800.735.2258 Statewide Toll Free

**SUBURBAN MARYLAND  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)**

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	Source Total
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**MDOT/State Highway Administration**

**Other**

**System Preservation Projects**

TIP ID: 3085 Agency ID: Title: Congestion Management Complete: 4,947

Facility:	CMAQ	100/0/0	920 a	483 a	410 a				4,947
From:			223 b	13 b	11 b				
To:			1,392 c	810 c	685 c				
	NHS	80/20/0	659 a	461 a	214 a				6,419
			13 b	7 b	5 b				
			768 c	434 c	358 c				
			3,500 d						

STP	80/20/0		522 a	401 a	137 a				2,411
			7 b	4 b	3 b				
			826 c	281 c	230 c				

**Total Funds: 13,777**

Description: Congestion management program includes projects associated with the following: traffic management - new or reconstruct signals, signing and lighting; signal systemization; commuter action - engineering and construction of Park-n-Ride facilities; CHART - engineering and construction of ITS projects; and intersection capacity improvement - engineering and construction of intersection improvements.



**Amendment - Modify Funding** Requested on: 10/5/2012  
 Amended to reflect the addition of \$3.5 million in National Highway System (NHS) funds in FY 2013 for Planning for Operations studies in the Washington Region.