

# **National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board**

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Item #5

## **MEMORANDUM**

March 12, 2007

To: Transportation Planning Board

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

RE: Steering Committee Actions

At its meeting of March 2, 2007, the TPB Steering Committee approved the following resolutions:

- TPB SR17-2007 on Amendments to the FY 2006-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that are exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to add or update three Virginia Railway Express (VRE) projects and to add the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) Bus Shelter Program, as requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation.
- TPB SR18-2007 on Amendments to the FY 2006-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that are exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to update funding for two primary and one secondary highway projects and to add the statewide project called Journey Through Hallowed Ground, as requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).
- TPB SR19-2007 to Amend the FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to modify funding in the District of Columbia Technical Assistance Program, as requested by the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT).

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 AMENDMENTS TO  
THE FY 2006- 2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)  
THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT  
TO ADD OR UPDATE THREE VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS (VRE) PROJECTS AND  
TO ADD THE POTOMAC AND RAPPAHANNOCK TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
(PRTC) BUS SHELTER PROGRAM, 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 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 October 19, 2005 the TPB adopted the 2005 CLRP and the FY 2006-2011 TIP; and

**WHEREAS**, in the attached letter of February 22, 2007, VDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2006-2011 TIP to include

- a study of extending VRE service between the City of Manassas and Manassas Park westward to the Gainesville /Haymarket area,
- repair to the VRE Fredericksburg Station,
- updating funding for repair to the VRE Washington Union Station, and
- the PRTC bus shelter program, as described in the attached materials; and

**WHEREAS**, these projects are 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 2006-2011 TIP to include the following:

- a study of the extending VRE service between the City of Manassas and Manassas Park westward to the Gainesville /Haymarket area,
- repair to the VRE Fredericksburg Station,
- updating funding for repair to the VRE Washington Union Station, and
- the PRTC bus shelter program, as described in the attached materials.

**Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on March 2, 2007.**



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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February 22, 2007

DAVID S. EKERN, P.E.  
COMMISSIONER

National Capital Region  
Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

The Honorable Catherine Hudgins  
Chairman, National Capital Region  
Transportation Planning Board  
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.; Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20002-4201

Dear Chairman Hudgins:

VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office requests amending the FY 2006-2011 and FY 2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to update or add three VRE projects and one Transit project. All projects are categorically exempt from the air quality conformity analysis. VDOT requests this amendment be approved by the TPB's Steering Committee at its meeting on March 2, 2007.

VRE Projects:

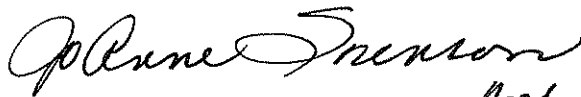
- VRE Gainesville/Haymarket Extension, Prince William County. This amendment will add the new project to the TIP. The project will study the feasibility of extending the VRE commuter rail service between the City of Manassas and Manassas Park westward to the Gainesville/Haymarket area. Project funding will provide \$2,499K for FY07 preliminary engineering using Section 5309 earmarks (E-2006-NWST-063) and State Rail Enhancement Funds.
- VRE Washington Union Station, District of Columbia. This amendment involves updating funding information only. The project will construct replacement canopies, escalator rehabilitation, and the repair/resurfacing of station platforms. Project funding will increase from \$790K to \$4,500K for construction phases in FY07 through FY11 using Section 5307 funds.
- VRE Fredericksburg Station Repair, Fredericksburg. This amendment will add the new project to the TIP. The project will repair the viaduct under the station where concrete debris has fallen due to drainage problems. Project funding will provide \$2,606K in the construction phases for FY07 through FY10 using Section 5309 SATEFETEA-LU earmark (E-2006-BUSP-1015) funds.

PRTC Transit Project:

- PRTC Bus Shelter Program. This amendment will add the new project to the TIP. The project will install new bus shelters, pads, benches and access improvements in the PRTC service area. Project funding will provide \$149K for construction phases for FY07 through FY11 using Section 5307 funds.

Please call Mr. John Barr at (703) 383-2212, if you need further information on this amendment. Upon approval of this amendment, please furnish copies of the approval to Ms. Jo Anne Sorenson (VDOT's Northern Virginia office) and to Mr. Chad Tucker in VDOT's Transportation and Mobility Planning Division in Richmond. Thank you for your consideration of and action on this request.

Sincerely,



Dennis C. Morrison  
District Administrator  
VDOT – Northern Virginia District

*Asst. Dist. Engr.  
for*

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

PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENT - 2/22/2007

FY 2007-12

Changes to existing entries are noted in bold.

Agency Project ID	Facility, Location, Description	Phase	FY06 TIP Entry	Carry Over	Annual Element FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12	Program Total FY 07-12	Funding Source	Funding Shares Fed/st/lo
<b>VDOT VRE</b>													
VRE0004 (New)	Facility: VRE Gainesville Haymarket Extension From: Manassas To: Gainesville/Haymarket Jurisdiction: Prince William County Reason for Amendment: Air Quality New Project adds \$2,499K to FY07 PE phase using Section 5309 earmarks (E-2006-NWST-063) and State Rail Enhancement Funds. Study is exempt and a DEIS is being prepared.	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$2,499 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$1,799 \$700	Sect. 5309 State Ref	80% 100%
VRE0005	Facility: VRE Washington Union Station From: Amtrak Union Station To: Jurisdiction: District of Columbia Reason for Amendment: Air Quality	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 \$500	0 0 \$1,000	0 0 \$1,000	0 0 \$1,000	0 0 \$1,000	0 0 0	\$4,500	Sect. 5307	80% 20%
VRE0006 (New)	Facility: VRE Fredericksburg Station Repair From: Fredericksburg Station To: Jurisdiction: City of Fredericksburg Reason for Amendment: Air Quality	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 \$595	0 0 \$627	0 0 \$679	0 0 \$705	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$2,506	Sect. 5309	80% 20%
<b>VDOT Transit</b>													
PRTC0001 (New)	Facility: PRTC Bus Shelter Program From: To: Jurisdiction: PWC, Manassas, & Manassas Park Reason for Amendment: Air Quality	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 \$49	0 0 \$25	0 0 \$25	0 0 \$25	0 0 \$25	0 0 0	\$149	Sect. 5307	80% 20%

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**RESOLUTION ON AMENDMENTS TO  
THE FY 2006- 2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)  
THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT  
TO UPDATE FUNDING FOR TWO PRIMARY AND ONE SECONDARY HIGHWAY  
PROJECTS AND TO ADD THE STATEWIDE PROJECT CALLED JOURNEY THROUGH  
HALLOWED GROUND, 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 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 October 19, 2005 the TPB adopted the 2005 CLRP and the FY 2006-2011 TIP; and

**WHEREAS**, in the attached letter of February 22, 2007, VDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2006-2011 TIP to update funding information for

- Route 27 Interchange Modifications in Arlington County,
- Left turn lane on Route 236 at Rout 620 in Fairfax County,
- Construction of Route 1036– Pacific Boulevard in Loudoun County, and
- to add the statewide project called “Journey Through Hallowed Ground,” as described in the attached materials; and

**WHEREAS**, these projects are 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 2006-2011 TIP to update funding information for

- Route 27 Interchange near Route 244 Modifications in Arlington County,
- Left turn lane on Route 236 at Rout 620 in Fairfax County,
- Construction of Route 1036– Pacific Boulevard in Loudoun County, and
- to add the statewide project called “Journey Through Hallowed Ground,” as described in the attached materials.

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Dear Chairman Hudgins:

VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office requests amending the FY 2006-2011 and FY 2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to update two primary projects, update one secondary project, and add one miscellaneous project. All projects are categorically exempt from the air quality conformity analysis and/or included in the current CLRP and TIP Air Quality Conformity table. VDOT requests this amendment be approved by the TPB's Steering Committee at its meeting on March 2, 2007.

VDOT Primary Project:

- Route 27 – Interchange Modifications – PE& RW only, Arlington County. This amendment involves updating funding information only. The project will rehabilitate Washington Blvd interchange to eliminate existing safety hazards. Project funding will increase FY07 preliminary engineering from \$172K to \$541K, increase FY08 right of way from \$688K to \$966K and will provide \$20,244K for FY09 construction. Federal AC, BR and STP funds will be used for funding these increases.
- Route 236 – Install Second Left Turn Lane from westbound Route 236 onto Route 620, Fairfax County. This amendment involves updating funding information only. The project will construct a second left turn lane to Braddock Road southbound and modify traffic signal. Project funding will increase FY07 preliminary engineering from \$95K to \$256K, provide \$57K for FY07 right of way and increase FY09 construction from \$231K to \$509K. Federal STP funds will be used for funding these increases.

VDOT Secondary Project:


- Route 1036 – Pacific Boulevard, Loudoun County. This amendment involves updating funding information only. The project will construct a new 4 lane roadway with divided median from Autoworld Drive to Severn Way. Project funding will decrease FY07 preliminary engineering from \$871K to \$556K, provide \$1,022K for FY08 right of way and will increase FY08 construction from \$6,168K to \$16,608K. Federal AC, RSTP, and Other funds will be used for funding these increases.

VDOT Miscellaneous Project:

- Journey Through Hallowed Ground, Statewide. This amendment will add the new project to the TIP. This is a multi-state project involving US 15 from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to the Town of Orange, Virginia. The project will develop a corridor management plan to market this route as an historic heritage area with pull-offs. Project funding will include \$265K for FY07 preliminary engineering. Federal SAFETEA LU funds will be used for funding this project.

Please call Mr. John Barr at (703) 383-2212, if you need further information on this amendment. Upon approval of this amendment, please furnish copies of the approval to Ms. Jo Anne Sorenson (VDOT's Northern Virginia office) and to Mr. Chad Tucker in VDOT's Transportation and Mobility Planning Division in Richmond. Thank you for your consideration of and action on this request.

Sincerely,



*Asst. Dist. Engr.*  
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**NORTHERN VIRGINIA  
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PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENT - 2/20/2007

FY 2007-12

Changes to existing entries are noted in bold.

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<b>VDOT Primary</b>														
13528	Facility: Rte 27 - Interchange Modifications - PE & RW only From: 0.34 KM South Rte 244 To: 0.65 KM North Rte 244 Jurisdiction: Arlington County	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$541 0 0	0 \$966 0	0 0 \$20,244	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$12,456 \$5,634 \$3,661	Fed - AC Fed - BR Fed - STP	20% 20% 20%
	Reason for Amendment: Air Quality Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.													
62857	Facility: Rte 236 - Install Second LTL from WB onto Rte 620 S From: Rte 640 (Braddock Road) To: 0.18 Mile West Rte 620 Jurisdiction: Fairfax County	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$256 \$57 0	0 0 0	\$509	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$822	Fed - STP	80% 20%
	Reason for Amendment: Air Quality Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.													
<b>VDOT Secondary</b>														
70760	Facility: Rte 1036 - Pacific Boulevard From: Autoworld Drive (Northern Terminus) To: Severn Way Jurisdiction: Loudoun County	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$556 0 0	0 \$1,022 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$8,731 \$9,407 \$48	Fed - AC Fed - RSTP Other	80% 20% 20%
	Reason for Amendment: Air Quality Project is included in the 2005 CLRP and FY2006-2011 TIP Air Quality Conformity table page 30.													
<b>VDOT Miscellaneous</b>														
81997	Facility: Journey Through Hallowed Ground From: Gettysburg, PA To: Orange, VA Jurisdiction: Statewide	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$265 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$265	Fed - Safetee LU	80% 20%
	Reason for Amendment: Air Quality New Project will add \$265K to the FY07 PE phase using Fed Safetee LU funds. Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.													

Note: The following funding definitions apply:

1. Fed BR is Bridge Replacement funds
2. Fed AC NH is advanced construction of NH funds.
3. Fed STP is Surface Transportation Program funds.
4. Fed DEMO is Federal Demonstration funds.
5. Fed HPD is TEA-21 High Priority

TPB SR19-2007  
March 2, 2007

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

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FY 2007 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM  
(UPWP) TO MODIFY FUNDING IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE 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 2007 UPWP for the Washington Metropolitan Region was adopted by the TPB on March 15, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, in the attached letter of March 1, 2007, the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) has requested that \$30,000 of unprogrammed funding in its Technical Assistance Program be allocated to the work activity entitled: Program Development, Data Requests and Miscellaneous Services; and

**WHEREAS**, these additional funds will be available for TPB staff to provide technical support to DDOT staff in the processing of traffic volume data for DDOT's 2006 HPMS submission and to provide overall data quality assurance in assisting DDOT in meeting requirements from the HPMS Field Manual and Traffic Monitoring Guidelines, and  
to respond to data requests for the New York Avenue Corridor Study modeling project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2007 UPWP to allocate \$30,000 of unprogrammed funding in the DDOT Technical Assistance Program to the work activity entitled: Program Development, Data Requests and Miscellaneous Services.

**Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on March 2, 2007.**

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Transportation Policy & Planning Administration

March 1, 2007

Mr. Ron Kirby, Director  
Department of Transportation Planning  
Transportation Planning Board  
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
777 North Capitol Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Kirby:

This letter is to request your assistance to amend the FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Specifically, we are requesting that \$30,000 of the District of Columbia's Technical Assistance Unprogrammed Budget be transferred to the following District Technical Assistance Program Task: Program Development, Data Requests and Miscellaneous. These additional funds will be used for TPB staff time spent on the following: 1) Providing technical support to District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) staff in the processing of traffic volume data for DDOT's 2006 HPMS submission and provide overall data quality assurance in assisting DDOT in meeting requirements from the HPMS Field Manual and Traffic Monitoring Guidelines and 2) Responding to data requests for the New York Ave Corridor Study -Modeling Project.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. If you need further information, please contact Mark Rawlings of my staff at (202) 671-2234 or [mark.rawlings@dc.gov](mailto:mark.rawlings@dc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Rybeck". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rick Rybeck  
Deputy Associate Director, TPPA

cc: Ken Laden  
Mark Rawlings