

**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
POPLAR HILL ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, 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 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 February 24, MDOT has requested that the FY 2017-2022 TIP be amended to include \$742,000 in Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (BR) and local matching funding for construction in FY 2018 for replacement of the superstructure of the Poplar Hill Road Bridge over Zekiah Swamp Run project (TIP ID 6582) in Charles County, as described in the attached materials, and

WHEREAS, this project 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 include \$742,000 in BR and local matching funding for construction in FY 2018 for replacement of the superstructure of the Poplar Hill Road Bridge over Zekiah Swamp Run project in Charles County, as described in the attached materials.



Maryland Department of Transportation
The Secretary's Office

Larry Hogan
Governor

Boyd K. Rutherford
Lt. Governor

Pete K. Rahn
Secretary

February 24, 2017

The Honorable Bridget Donnell Newton, 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 Newton:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requests the following amendment, on behalf of the Charles County Department of Planning & Growth Management, to the suburban Maryland portion of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) FY 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for one new project as described below and in the attached memo.

TIP ID#	Project	Phase	Amount of New Funding	Comment
6582	Poplar Hill Road Bridge over Zekiah Swamp Run Bridge Replacement	CO	\$742,000	Add funding for construction.

The Poplar Hill Road Bridge over Zekiah Swamp Run is the last remaining wooden timber structure bridge in Charles County and is structurally deficient. The bridge is to be replaced in kind and will not add any additional lane capacity. Charles County recently learned that the bridge may be eligible for federal funding and now needs to be included in the TIP in order to be formally eligible for those funds. This action does not impact air quality conformity.

The MDOT requests that this amendment be approved by the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) Steering Committee at its March 3, 2017 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.

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We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Should you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Kari Snyder, MDOT Office of Planning and Capital Programming (OPCP) Regional Planner at 410-865-1305, toll free 888-713-1414 or via e-mail at ksnyder3@mdot.state.md.us. Ms. Snyder will be happy to assist you. Of course, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Tyson Byrne
Manager, Regional Planning
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

Attachment

cc: Ms. Kari Snyder, Regional Planner, OPCP MDOT



CHARLES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
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February 23, 2017

The Honorable Bridget Donnell Newton
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Chairman Newton:

The Charles County Department of Planning & Growth Management requests an amendment to the National Capital Regional Transportation Planning Board's FY2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as identified in the attachment for the Poplar Hill Road Bridge Replacement Project. The project is not currently listed in the Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) as it is a minor project which does not enhance capacity and therefore, does not need air quality conformity analysis. The purpose of this amendment is to include this minor project in the TIP so that it will be eligible for federal funding. The bridge replacement project is funded from the Federal Bridge Program at an 80/20 split with the remaining (20%) funding to come from the local government (Charles County).

This amendment is being sought for funding in FY2018 for construction for the bridge replacement project, which has been found to be structurally deficient, and in need of replacement. While this bridge is owned, operated and maintained by Charles County, we are seeking federal funds to assist us in the replacement project.

Charles County requests that this amendment be approved by the Transportation Planning Board Steering Committee at its March 3, 2017 meeting. We appreciate your consideration of our request and we look forward to a favorable outcome. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Jason Groth, Chief of Resource & Infrastructure Management by calling (301) 396-5814 or by email to grothj@charlescountymd.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Kaii-Ziegler for SKZ".

Steve Kaii-Ziegler, AICP
Director

Cc: Michael Mallinoff, County Administrator
Bill Shreve, Director of Public Works
John Stevens, Chief of Capital Services
Stephen Staples, Chief of Roads
Jason Groth, Chief of Resource & Infrastructure Management

**SUBURBAN MARYLAND
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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MDOT/State Highway Administration

Bridge

Poplar Hill Road Bridge over Zekiah Swamp Run

TIP ID: 6582	Agency ID:	Title: Poplar Hill Road Bridge over Zekiah Swamp Run	Complete: 2018	Total Cost: \$742
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Facility: Poplar Hill Road Bridge	BR	80/0/20	742 c	742
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From: Zekiah Swamp Run

To: **Total Funds: 742**

Description: Replace the superstructure (bridge abutments, wing walls, steel girders & concrete deck)

Amendment: Add New Project **Requested on: 3/3/2017**
 Amend project into the TIP with \$742,000 in BR and county matching funds for construction in FY 2018.