

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board


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Item #5

MEMORANDUM

July 12, 2012

To: Transportation Planning Board

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

Re: Steering Committee Actions

At its meeting on July 6, 2012, the TPB Steering Committee approved the following resolution:

- SR1-2013: Resolution on an amendment to the FY 2011- 2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that is exempt from the air quality conformity requirement to include additional funding for the Branch Avenue Metro Access – Phase 2, BRAC Intersection near Joint Base Andrews, and MD 223 Reconstruction projects, as requested by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT).

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 2011- 2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE BRANCH AVENUE METRO ACCESS-PHASE 2, BRAC INTERSECTION NEAR JOINT BASE ANDREWS, AND MD 223 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, 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 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, 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 17, 2010 the TPB adopted the FY 2011-2016 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of June 29, 2012, MDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2011-2016 TIP to add \$8.1 million in NHS funding between fiscal years 2012 and 2015 to the Branch Avenue Metro Access - Phase 2 project, \$2 million in STP funding between fiscal years 2012 and 2014 to the BRAC intersection near Joint Base Andrew project, and \$1 million in STP funding between fiscal years 2012 and 2014 for a study of the reconstruction of MD 223 from Steed Road to MD 5, as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, these projects are already included in the conformity analysis of the 2011 CLRP or 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 2011-2016 TIP to add \$8.1 million in NHS funding between fiscal years 2012 and 2015 to the Branch Avenue Metro Access - Phase 2 project, \$2 million in STP funding between fiscal years 2012 and 2014 to the BRAC intersection near Joint Base Andrew project, and \$1 million in STP funding between fiscal years 2012 and 2014 for a study of the reconstruction of MD 223 from Steed Road to MD 5, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board Steering Committee at its regular meeting on July 6, 2012.



Maryland Department of Transportation

The Secretary's Office

June 29, 2012

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The Honorable Todd M. Turner, Chair
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
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Dear Chairman Turner:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requests an amendment to the State Highway Administration (SHA) portion of the FY 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as described in the attached memo. The purpose of this amendment is to reflect a statewide increase in federal aid obligational authority assumptions, of which \$11.1 million is available for the projects in the table below in the Washington Region. These projects are exempt from the requirement to determine air quality conformity.

TIP ID#	Project	Phase	Amount of New Funding
4485	MD 223	Study	\$1,000,000
3554	I-495, Branch Avenue Phase 2	Utilities	\$8,100,000
5759	BRAC – Andrews	Engineering	\$2,000,000

MDOT requests that this amendment be approved by the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) Steering Committee on its July 6, 2012 meeting.

The revised funding status of these projects 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. Of course, please feel free to contact me directly.



The Honorable Todd M. Turner
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Thank You,



Donald A. Halligan, Director
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

Attachment

cc: Ms. Mary Deitz, Chief, Regional and Intermodal Planning Division, SHA
Ms. Lyn Erickson, Manager, Office of Planning and Capital Programming,
Maryland Department of Transportation
Ms. Heather Murphy, Deputy Director, Office of Planning and Capital Programming
Maryland Department of Transportation



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State Highway Administration

Maryland Department of Transportation

Beverley K. Swaim-Staley, Secretary | Melinda B. Peters, Administrator

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Don Halligan, Director Office of Planning and Capital Programming
ATTN: Ms. Lyn Erickson Mr. Mike Nixon
FROM: Mary Deitz, Chief Regional and Intermodal Planning Division
DATE: June 22, 2012
SUBJECT: Amendment Request to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the National Capital Region

Attached are amendments for inclusion in the FY 2011 National Capital Region Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP). The amendments outlined are needed to reflect the addition of \$125 million in funds being made available state-wide. The funds are available primarily due to an increase in federal - aid obligational authority assumptions.

Additional \$11.1 Million in Funding Allocated for Major Projects to the Washington Region

Table with 4 columns: TIP ID#, Project, Phase, Amount of New Funding. Rows include: 3554 I-495, Branch Avenue Phase 2 Utilities \$8,100,000; 5759 BRAC - Andrews Engineering \$2,000,000; 4485 MD 223 Study \$1,000,000

The revised funding status of these projects 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. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms. Reena Mathews, Regional Planner, State Highway Administration (SHA) at 410-545-5668 or via email at rmathews@sha.state.md.us.

cc: Mr. Vaughn Lewis, Regional Planner, SHA
Ms. L'Kiesha Markley, Assistant Chief, Regional and Intermodal Planning Division, SHA
Ms. Reena Mathews, Regional Planner, SHA

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

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	Source Total
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MDOT/State Highway Administration


Interstate

I-95/I-495, Capital Beltway

TIP ID: 3554 Agency ID: PG2151 Title: **Branch Avenue Metro Access - Phase 2** Complete: 2020

Facility: I 95/495 Capital Beltway	NHS	80/20/0	3,729 a	550 a	1,600 a	1,030 a	800 a	300 b	18,880
From: MD 5/Branch Avenue Metro Station					500 b	5,000 b	1,000 b	2,000 e	
To:					100 e	2,000 e	4,000 e		

Total Funds: 18,880

Description: Study to improve access from MD 5 (Branch Avenue) and I-95/I-495 to the Branch Avenue Metro Station. Phase 2 consists of improvement to the Access Road, pedestrian bridge and the County Road. Pedestrian/bicycle facilities will be included where appropriate. 

Amendment - Add Funding Add \$500,000 to FY12 for Preliminary Engineering using NHS funds.	Approved on:	7/8/2011
Amendment - Add Funding Add \$2.6 million for FY12-FY14 for engineering utilizing NHS funds.	Approved on:	10/7/2011
Amendment - Add Funding Add NHS funds for RW: - FY 2012 \$500,000 - FY 2013 \$5.0 million - FY 2014 \$1.0 million - FY 2015 \$300,000	Approved on:	12/2/2011
Amendment - Modify Funding Add NHS funding for Other/Utilities: FY 2012 - \$100,000; FY 2013 - \$2 million; FY 2014 - \$4 million; FY 2015 - \$2 million.	Approved on:	7/6/2012

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

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	Source Total
Secondary									
BRAC Intersections near Joint Base Andrews									
TIP ID: 5759		Agency ID:		Title: BRAC Intersection near Joint Base Andrews				Complete: 2040	
Facility: Intersections near Joint Base Andrews	NHS	80/20/0			1,497 a	500 a			1,997
From:	PL	100/0/0	500 a	2,000 a					2,500
To:	STP	80/20/0		100 a	900 a	1,000 a			2,000
Total Funds:									6,497

Description: Intersection improvements at key locations along access routes to Joint Base Andrews in Prince George's County. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements will be provided where appropriate

Amendment - Add New Project	Approved on:	3/4/2011
Add this project to the FY 2011-2016 TIP with the following funding: 1. Public Lands Grant for \$2.5 Million 2. \$1.997 Million (which will be NHS funding). The NHS funding are funds available in the budget and not obligated previously.		
Amendment - Modify Funding	Approved on:	7/6/2012
Add STP funding for PE: FY 2012 - \$100,000; FY 2013 - \$900,000; FY 2014 - \$1 million.		

MD 223, Piscataway Road									
TIP ID: 4885		Agency ID: PG5811		Title: MD 223 from Steed Road to MD 5				Complete: 2025	
Facility: MD 223	STP	80/20/0		100 d	500 d	400 d			1,000
From: Steed Road									
To: MD 5									
Total Funds:									1,000

Description: Reconstruct MD 223 from Steed Road to MD 5. Sidewalks will be included where appropriate.



Amendment - Modify Funding	Approved on:	7/6/2012
Add STP funding for Corridor Study between Steed Road and MD 4. FY 2012 - \$100,000; FY 2013 - \$500,000; FY 2014 - \$400,000.		