

TPB R6 - 2007
September 20, 2006

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

**RESOLUTION ON AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2006-2011 TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY
CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR A DISTRICT-WIDE
INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ITS) PROJECT AND A BASE
REALIGNMENT COMMISSION (BRAC) / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY 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 the 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 September 14, 2006, VDOT has requested that the FY 2006-2011 TIP be amended to include \$4.6 million of federal Interstate Maintenance funding for a district-wide ITS project and \$400,000 of advance construction of National Highway System funding for a BRAC/Economic Development study as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, these projects are exempt from the air quality conformity requirement, as defined 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 NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD amends the FY 2006-2011 TIP to include \$4.6 million of federal Interstate Maintenance funding for a district-wide ITS project and \$400,000 of advance construction of National Highway System funding for a BRAC/Economic Development study, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on September 20, 2006.



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September 14, 2006

National Capital Region
Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

The Honorable Michael Knapp
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 Knapp:

VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office requests amending the FY 2006-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add funding that has become available after the TPB meeting agenda was finalized. The requested amendment will add a District-wide ITS project and a BRAC/Economic Development effort, and enable the Commonwealth to obligate these additional FY06 funds that were recently provided by the Federal Highway Administration.

- **District-wide ITS Project**

NoVA District plans to implement integrated corridor management strategies to expand the ITS technology to the primary system as well as the Interstate system. The envisioned integrated (Interstate and primary) corridor management strategies would improve the safety and efficiency of travel which is highly dependent upon the adequacy, placement, and reliability of the ITS field equipment. Examples of ITS technology are CCTV, variable message signs (VMS), conditional monitoring data collection (e.g. sensor), etc. The purpose of these strategies is to monitor corridor traffic conditions, more quickly detect and respond to incidents, and inform travelers of the corridor conditions. A strategic ITS assessment was completed in January, 2006, which identified the need to expand the ITS systems over the next several years to primary routes that will be selected based on several criteria, such as current traffic conditions, future traffic volumes, high accident locations, 511 coverage, evacuation routes, and so forth. This bonus Federal funding will allow VDOT staff to start identifying and implementing ITS

technologies along the highest priority corridors. This project currently exists in the TIP, though with significantly less funding. The project is categorically exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

TIP	PE Phase	CN Phase
Current FY06 amount	\$ 0	\$ 50K
Requested FY06 amendment amount	\$900K	\$3,700K

• **BRAC / Economic Development Project**

The proposed BRAC / Economic Development project will provide funding to support VDOT coordination with BRAC boards and consultants, participate in BRAC-related coordination meetings, and develop a regional traffic impact analysis based on proposed Base Realignment Commission (BRAC) recommendations. This is a new TIP project. As a coordination / study / travel forecasting effort, this project is categorically exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

TIP	PE Phase	CN Phase
Requested FY06 amendment amount	\$400K	\$0

VDOT requests these amendments be approved by the TPB at its meeting on September 20, 2006.

Please call Jo Anne Sorenson at (703) 383-2461, if you need further information on this amendment. Upon approval of this amendment, please furnish copies of the approval to Ms. Sorenson and to Mr. Ben Mannell in VDOT's Transportation and Mobility Planning Division. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Asst. Dist. Engr.
for

Dennis C. Morrison
 District Administrator
 VDOT – Northern Virginia District

cc: Ms. Diane Mitchell, VDOT-PD (w/ attach.)
 Ms. Deborah Grant, VDOT-PD “
 Mr. Ben Mannell, VDOT-TMPD “
 Ms. Jo Anne Sorenson, VDOT-NoVA “
 Ms. Amy Tang McElwain, VDOT-NoVA “

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

PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENT - 09/14/2006

FY 2006-11

Changes to existing entries are noted in **bold**.

Agency Project ID	Facility, Location, Description	Phase	FY05 TIP Entry	Carry Over	Annual Element FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	Program Total FY 06-11	Funding Source	Funding Shares Fed/st/lo		
VDOT INTERSTATE															
70670	Facility: NoVA Primary Technology	P.E.	0	0	\$900K	0	0	0	0	0	\$4,600	Fed - IM	90%	10%	
	From: Various Routes	ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	To:	Const	0	0	0	\$3,700K	0	0	0	0					
	Jurisdiction: NoVA Districtwide	Description: Districtwide ITS improvements to include Advanced Law Enforcement and Response Technology, Head-on traffic warning system, congestion mapping decision support system, and Signal priority/pre-emption strategies.													
	Reason for Amendment	Add \$4,600K of FED IM funding into the FY06 PE phase.													
	Air Quality	Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.													
81738	Facility: BRAC/Economic Development	P.E.	0	0	\$400	0	0	0	0	0	\$400	Fed - AC NH	90%	10%	
	From: No Plan	ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	To:	Const	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Jurisdiction: NoVA Districtwide	Description: Funding will support VDOT coordination with BRAC boards and the development of BRAC Traffic Impact Analysis.													
	Reason for Amendment	New Project and to place \$400K of FED AC NH funding into the FY06 PE phase.													
	Air Quality	Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.													

Note: The following funding definitions apply:

1. Fed IM is Interstate Maintenance Funds
2. AC NH is advanced construction of NH Funds.