

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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Item #5

MEMORANDUM

April 10, 2007

To: Transportation Planning Board

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

RE: Steering Committee Actions

At its meeting of April 6, 2007, the TPB Steering Committee approved the following resolution:

- TPB SR20-2007 on Amendments to the FY 2006-2011 and FY 2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that are exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to include funding for the National Scenic Trail, two Secondary Bridge Projects in Fairfax County and the Route 1 Bus Rapid Transit Project in Arlington County, and to update funding information for four projects, as requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

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 and FY 2007- 2012 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAMS (TIP) THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY
REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL, TWO
SECONDARY BRIDGE PROJECTS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY AND THE
ROUTE 1 BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT IN ARLINGTON COUNTY, AND
TO UPDATE FUNDING INFORMATION FOR FOUR PROJECTS, 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, on October 20, 2006 the TPB adopted the 2006 CLRP and the FY 2007-2012 TIP; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2007 the TPB adopted amendments requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) incorporating all of the technical adjustments and amendments made to the TIP since October 20, 2006; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of March 29, 2007, VDOT has requested amendments to the FY 2006-2011 and FY 2007-2012 TIPs to include funding for the National Scenic Trail, two secondary bridge rehabilitation projects in Fairfax County and the Route 1 Bus Rapid Transit project in Arlington County; and to update funding information for four primary and urban projects, as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, these projects and funding information updates 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 and FY 2007-2012 TIPs to include funding for the National Scenic Trail, two secondary bridge rehabilitation projects in Fairfax County and the Route 1 Bus Rapid Transit project in Arlington County; and to update funding information for four primary and urban projects, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on April 6, 2007.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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March 29, 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 add or update two primary projects, update three urban projects, add two secondary projects and add one National Scenic Trail 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 April 6, 2007.

VDOT Primary Project:

- Route 1 – Bus Rapid Transit Improvements, Arlington County. This new project will improve the Rte 1 bus rapid transit corridor by adding bus shelters and traffic signal support. Project funding will add \$121K for preliminary engineering in FY07 using Federal DEMO funds.
- Route 1 Bridge Replacement and Approaches, 6 Lanes, Prince William County. This amendment involves updating funding information only. The project will reconstruct the Route 1 Bridge over Neabsco Creek to a six-lane roadway. Project funding will decrease preliminary engineering from \$2,322K to \$1,817K and decrease right of way from \$10,838K to \$9,981K and increase FY07 construction from \$12,652K to \$23,770K using Federal AC, BR, and Other funds.

VDOT Urban Projects:

- Wellington Road – Widen to Provide 4 Lanes (PE & RW only), City of Manassas. This amendment involves updating funding information only. The project will widen the roadway to four lanes from Godwin Drive to Nokesville Road. Project funding will decrease preliminary engineering from \$285K to \$262K and move to FY07, decrease right of way from \$1,986K to \$164K and move to FY07, add \$670K to FY07 construction, and add \$5,589K to FY08 construction using Federal RSTP, STP, and Other funds.
- City of Alexandria – Dash Bus Maintenance Facility, City of Alexandria. This amendment involves updating funding information only. The project will design, construct, and equip a new DASH bus garage for fleet maintenance. Project funding will decrease preliminary engineering from \$2,400K to \$1,650K in FY07, and increase construction funding from \$19,823K to \$32,750K in FY07 construction using Federal AC, STP, and Other funds.
- Four Mile Run Trail, Arlington County. This amendment involves updating funding information only. The project will construct a multi purpose trail following Four Mile Run from Shirlington Road to West Glebe Road. Project funding will add \$2,480K to FY07 construction phase using Federal RSTP, STP, and STP/EN (Enhancement) funds.

VDOT Secondary Projects:

- Route 657 – Walney Road Bridge Rehabilitation over Flatlick Branch, Fairfax County. This new project will replace and widen the Rte 657 Bridge. Widening involves bringing shoulder width up to standard and no additional lane capacity is involved. Project funding will include \$165K for preliminary engineering in FY08, \$104K for Right of Way in FY09, and \$1,157K for Construction in FY09 using Federal AC and BR funds.
- Route 658 – Compton Road Bridge Rehabilitation over Little Rocky Run, Fairfax County. This new project will repair and widen the Rte 658 Bridge to include raising the profile. Widening involves bringing shoulder width up to standard and no additional lane capacity is involved. Project funding will include \$158K for preliminary engineering in FY07, \$450K for Right of Way in FY09, and \$782K for Construction in FY09 using Federal AC and BR funds.

VDOT Miscellaneous Project:

- NoVA Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, Districtwide. This new project will rehabilitate and widen a section of Mount Vernon Trail in the City of Alexandria, provide a new trail head at the end of Seneca Road in Loudoun County, and construct a new trail and upgrade an existing trail near Veterans Park in Prince William County. Project funding will add \$254K for preliminary engineering in FY07 using Federal SAFETEA-LU earmark 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*

cc: Ms. Diane Mitchell, VDOT-PD (w/ attach.)
Ms. Deborah Grant, VDOT-PD “
Ms. Jo Anne Sorenson, VDOT-NoVA “
Mr. Bud Siegel, PE, VDOT-NoVa “
Mr. Robert McDonald, PE, VDOT- NoVA “
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Ms. Maria Sinner, PE, VDOT-NoVA “

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

PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENT - 3/29/2007

FY 2007-12
Changes to existing entries are noted in bold.

Agency Project ID	Facility, Location, Description	Phase Funding	Annual Element FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12	Program Total FY 07-12	Funding Source	Funding Shares Fed/SL/0
VDOT Primary											
72898	Facility: Rte 1 - Bus Rapid Transit Improvements From: Alexandria Corp. Limits To: Pentagon Jurisdiction: Arlington County Reason for Amendment: Air Quality	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$121	Fed - Demo	80% 20%
Description: Improve bus rapid facility to include bus stop shelters and traffic signal support. New Project. Adds \$121K to FY07 PE phase using Fed Demo funds.											
Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.											
16422	Facility: Rte 1 - Bridge Replacement & Approaches From: Cardinal Drive To: Blackburn Road Jurisdiction: Prince William County Reason for Amendment: Air Quality	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	-\$505 -\$857 \$23,770	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0	Fed - AC Fed - BR Other Fed MGIEB	80% 80% 100% 90%
Description: Reconstruct bridge and approaches to a six-lane width. Reduce FY07 PE by \$505K, reduce FY07 RW by \$857K and increase FY07 CN phase funding to \$23,770K using Fed AC, BR and Other funds. Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.											
VDOT Urban											
53037	Facility: Wellington Road - Widen to 4 Lanes (PE & RW) From: Godwin Drive To: Nokesville Road Jurisdiction: City of Manassas Reason for Amendment: Air Quality	P.E. ROW Const	240 \$1,589 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$1,096 \$1,269 \$4,320	Fed - RSTP Fed - STP Other	80% 80% 100%
Description: Widen to provide four lanes. Adds funding to FY07 PERW/CN phases and FY08 CN phase funding using Fed RSTP, STP and Other funds. Project is currently listed in the 2005 CLRP and FY 2006-2011 TIP conformity input table page 24.											
71853	Facility: Dash Bus Maintenance Facility From: South Quaker Lane To: at Business Center Drive Jurisdiction: City of Alexandria Reason for Amendment: Air Quality	P.E. ROW Const	\$2,400 0 0	-\$750 0 \$32,750	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$108 \$26,486 \$5,406	Fed - AC Fed - STP Other	80% 80% 100%
Description: Design, construct and equip a new DASH bus garage for maintenance of current fleet. Reduce FY07 PE funding by \$750K and increase FY07 CN phase funding to \$32,750K using Fed AC, STP and Other funds. Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.											
15136	Facility: Four Mile Run Trail From: Shirlington Road To: West Glebe Road Jurisdiction: Arlington County Reason for Amendment: Air Quality	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	0 0 \$2,480	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$1,200 \$1,250 \$30	Fed - RSTP Fed - STP Fed - STP/EN	80% 80% 80%
Description: Construct a multi use trail following Four Mile Run between Shirlington Road and West Glebe Rd. Add \$2,480K to FY07 CN phase using Fed RSTP, STP and STP/EN funds. Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.											
VDOT Secondary											
82214	Facility: Rte 657 Walney Rd Bridge Rehab From: at Flatlick Branch To: Jurisdiction: Fairfax County Reason for Amendment: Air Quality	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$165 \$104 \$1,157	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$1,018 \$408	Fed - AC Fed - BR	80% 80%
Description: Widen and replace Rte 657 bridge. New Project. Adds funding to FY08 PE phase and to FY09 RW/CN phases using Fed AC and BR funds. Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.											
82215	Facility: Rte 658 Compton Road Bridge Rehab From: Over Little Rocky Run To: Jurisdiction: Fairfax County Reason for Amendment: Air Quality	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	\$158 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$1,236 \$154	Fed - AC Fed - BR	80% 80%
Description: Repair and widen bridge to include raising profile. New Project. Add \$158K in FY07 PE phase, \$450K in FY09 RW, and \$782K in FY09 CN phase using Fed AC and BR funds. Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.											

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VDOT Miscellaneous												
80434	Facility: NoVA Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail From: To: Jurisdiction: Districtwide	P.E. ROW Const	0 0 0	\$254 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$254	Fed - Safetea-LU	80% 20%
	Reason for Amendment Air Quality	Description: Rehab and widen a section of Mt Vernon trail in the City of Alexandria, new trailhead at end Seneca Road Loudoun County, and new trail and rehab of existing trail in vicinity of Veterans Park in Prince William County. New Project. Add \$254K in FY07 PE phase using Fed Safetea-LU Earmark 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