

# National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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Item #5

## MEMORANDUM

September 3, 2010

**To:** Transportation Planning Board

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

**RE:** Steering Committee Action

At its meeting of September 3, 2010, the TPB Steering Committee approved the following resolutions:

- TPB SR4-2011 on an amendment to the FY2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to include a Study of the Public Acceptability of Pricing Major Roadways in the Washington Metropolitan Region.
- TPB SR5-2011 on an amendment to the FY2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that is exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to include funding for nine transit projects for the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) and the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) and for Preliminary Engineering for the widening of Route 606 in Loudoun County, as requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).
- TPB SR6-2011 on an amendment to the FY2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that is exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to include funding for an Intermodal Pedestrian Project in Mount Rainier, as requested by the Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPWT).
- TPB SR7-2011 on an amendment to the FY2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that is exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to reprogram American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding from a fiber optics expansion project to the Travilah Road and Wightman Road Pavement Resurfacing Projects, as requested by the Montgomery County Department of Transportation.

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 TO AMEND THE FY 2011 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM  
(UPWP) TO INCLUDE A STUDY OF THE PUBLIC ACCEPTABILITY OF PRICING  
MAJOR ROADWAYS IN THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN REGION**

**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) of 2005 for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Washington Metropolitan Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Planning Regulations issued in February 2007 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 2011 UPWP for the Washington Metropolitan Area was adopted by the TPB on March 17, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 21, 2009, the TPB approved the submission of the enclosed proposal by the Virginia Department of Transportation on behalf of the TPB working in partnership with the Brookings Institution entitled: "Public Acceptability of Regional Road Pricing: Can it be Designed to Garner Public Support?" for a Value Pricing grant to FHWA by November 3, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 2, 2010, FHWA announced that the proposed study entitled: "Public Acceptability of Regional Road Pricing: Can it be Designed to Garner Public Support?" would receive \$320,000 in federal funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the study budget is for \$400,000 (\$320,000 federal, \$80,000 local), and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) will provide a match of \$80,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the COG Executive Director has been authorized to enter into an agreement with the FHWA and the Virginia Department of Transportation, for the

purposes of conducting a study under the FHWA's Value Pricing Pilot Program on the public acceptability of road pricing;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD amends the FY 2011 UPWP to include the enclosed study entitled: "Public Acceptability of Regional Road Pricing: Can it be Designed to Garner Public Support?" with a budget of \$400,000 (\$320,000 federal, \$80,000 local).

**Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on September 3, 2010.**

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD  
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**RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO  
THE FY 2010- 2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS  
EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE  
FUNDING FOR NINE TRANSIT PROJECTS FOR THE POTOMAC AND  
RAPPAHANNOCK TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (PRTC) AND THE VIRGINIA  
RAILWAY EXPRESS (VRE) AND FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FOR THE  
WIDENING OF ROUTE 606 IN LOUDOUN COUNTY, 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**, 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 July 15, 2009 the TPB adopted the FY 2010-2015 TIP; and

**WHEREAS**, in the attached letter of August 24, 2010 VDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to include \$13.882 million in federal funding (CMAQ, STP, Sect. 5307, Sect. 5309, and Sect. 5309-B Earmark), for nine transit projects for PRTC and VRE and \$560,000 in Equity Bonus funding for preliminary engineering for the widening of Route 606 in Loudoun County, as described in the attached materials; and

**WHEREAS**, these projects are already included in the air quality conformity analysis 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 National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2010-2015 TIP to include \$13.882 million in federal funding (CMAQ, STP, Sect. 5307, Sect. 5309, and Sect. 5309-B Earmark), for nine transit projects for PRTC and VRE and \$560,000 in Equity Bonus funding for preliminary engineering for the widening of Route 606 in Loudoun County, as described in the attached materials.

**Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on September 3, 2010.**



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

GREGORY A. WHIRLEY  
COMMISSIONER

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August 24, 2010

National Capital Region  
Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

The Honorable David Snyder  
Chairman, National Capital Region  
Transportation Planning Board  
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
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Washington, DC 20002-4201

Dear Chairman Snyder:

On behalf of Prince William County, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC), and the Virginia Railway Express (VRE), Loudoun County and VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office I request you to amend the FY 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reflect project funding updates to a number of transit projects in Prince William County administered by PRTC, funding for the VRE, and add new funds for a roadway project in Loudoun County.

The proposed amendment will add about \$3.48M to a variety of transit projects, listed below, administered by PRTC in CMAQ, flexible STP, and FTA section 5309-B funds. The amendment also proposes to add about \$10.36M in new FTA section 5309, 5309-B and CMAQ funds to VRE's program. Finally the proposed amendment will help Loudoun County receive \$0.56M in FHWA Equity Bonus funds for the Preliminary Engineering of a roadway project. The Bonus Equity funds have to be obligated prior to the end of the current federal fiscal year (September 30, 2010).

All of the projects proposed to receive funding in the amendment are either exempt from the requirement to determine conformity OR have been included in the currently approved air quality conformity analyses for the 2009 CLRP/FY 2010-2015 TIP. The changes proposed to be made to the 2010-2015 TIP are indicated in boldface on the attached spreadsheet and are outlined below.

- **PRTC Commuter Assistance Program (UPC T1833)**. This project will provide comprehensive transit commute matching services to Prince William County and the Cities

of Manassas and Manassas Park. The proposed amendment will add \$0.300M in the preliminary engineering phase in FY 2011 using Federal CMAQ funds.

- PRTC Western Maintenance Facility (UPC 85382). This project involves construction of PRTC's Western Maintenance Facility and Storage Yard. The proposed amendment will add \$1.250M in the construction phase in FY 2011 using Federal Earmark (Section 5309-B) funds.
- PRTC – Security Enhancements (PRTC 0006). This project enhances the safety and security at the PRTC Transit Center. The proposed amendment will add \$.250M to the construction phase in FY2011 using flexible STP for a proximity card access system for the PRTC bus storage facility and administrative office.
- PRTC – Bus Acquisition/Replacement Program (PRTC 0005). The proposed amendment will add \$1.000M to the construction phase in FY2011 using CMAQ funds for the purchase of two buses.
- PRTC – Rehab Bus Maintenance/Admin. Facility (PRTC 0007). This project will provide needed repairs to the transit facility in order to keep it in good repair. The proposed amendment will add \$.450M in the construction phase of FY2011 using flexible STP funds for concrete pad repair, gate upgrade and replacement and an emergency exit.
- PRTC – Rehabilitate /Rebuild OmniRide Buses (PRTC 0003). The proposed amendment will add \$.227M in the construction phase of FY2011 using flexible STP funds.
- VRE Lorton Station Platform Extension (UPC T8523). This project will lengthen the existing platform from 400 feet to 650 feet and extend the canopy 100 feet. The proposed amendment will add \$1.500M to the construction phases in FY 2011 using Federal CMAQ funds.
- VRE Broad Run Station Parking Garage (UPC T8522). This project will add a three or four story parking structure at Broad Run VRE Station with a net gain of up to 985 spaces for a total of approximately 1870 spaces. The proposed amendment will add \$1.000M to the preliminary engineering phase in FY2011 using Federal CMAQ funds.
- VRE – Rolling Stock Acquisition (VRE 0001). This project provides the acquisition of rail cars and locomotives for the VRE system. It also includes funding for the debt service of the rolling stock, and specification development and construction oversight. The proposed amendment will add \$3.750M to the construction phase of FY2011 using a Federal earmark (5309-B); \$2.310M to the construction phase of FY2011 and \$.083M to the construction phase of FY2012 using Federal formula 5307 funds, for a net increase in 5307 funds of \$2.384M and add \$1.595M to the construction phase of FY2011 and \$.117M to the construction phase of FY2012 using Federal formula 5309 funds, for a net increase in 5309 funds of \$1.712M.
- Rte. 606 Widening (UPC 97529). The ultimate scope of the project is to widen Rte. 606 (Dulles Loop Road) from two to four lanes between Rte. 621 and Rte. 634 (near Rte. 267) and was included in the Air Quality Conformity Determination of the 2009 Constrained Long Range Plan. The proposed amendment will add \$560,000 in federal Equity Bonus (EB) funds for the PE Phase in FY 2011.

Given the limited time available to obligate some of some of the funding proposed in the amendment, the relatively small amount of total funds and that the projects are of non regional significance (for air quality purposes) VDOT requests that this TIP Amendment be considered for action by the TPB's Steering Committee at the September 3, 2010 meeting. Please find attached

PRTC's request to VDOT to process the FY 2010-2015 TIP amendment for the PRTC and VRE projects.

Thank you for your consideration of and action on this request.

Sincerely,



Morteza Salehi  
District Administrator  
VDOT – Northern Virginia District

CHIEF, PLANNING SECTION

for

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

FY 2010 - 2015

TIP Amendment -9/15/2010

Changes to funding are noted in **bold**.

VDOT-Secondary	Previous Funding	Funding Source	Funding Shares			FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	Source Total					
			Fed	State	Local												
<b>TIP ID:</b> 4468	<b>Agency ID:</b> UPC 97529		<b>Title:</b> Route 606 - Dulles Loop									<b>Complete: 2015</b>					
<b>Facility:</b> Route 606 - Dulles Loop		Fed-EB	80%	20%	0%												
<b>From:</b> Rte. 621													\$700 a	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>To:</b> Rte. 634 near Rte. 267 (4.85 MI)																	
<b>Description:</b> Upgrade Rte. 606 from 2 to 4 lanes.						<b>Total Funds:</b> \$0						<b>\$700.00</b>					
<b>Jurisdiction:</b> Loudoun County																	
<b>Amendment:</b> This TIP amendment is to add a PE Phase and to obligate \$560,000 in EB funds to the PE Phase in FY11.																	
<b>Air Quality:</b> This project was included in the air quality conformity analyses for the 2009 CLRPI/FY 2010 TIP.																	

PRTC - Transit																		
TIP ID:	Agency ID:	PRTC 0006	Title: PRTC Security Enhancements			FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	Complete: 2010						
			Sec. 5307	80%	10%								10%					
<b>Facility:</b> PRTC Transit Center			STP	80%	20%													
<b>From:</b>													\$67 c	\$37 c	\$38 c	\$39c	\$40 c	\$41 c
<b>To:</b>														\$250 c				
<b>Description:</b> Improves safety and security at the PRTC Transit Center. Grantees must certify that at least 1% of Formula funding received each fiscal year is being used for transit security projects. Projects include cameras, additional lighting, drills, communications systems, facility access, System Safety Security Plan, etc.						<b>Total Funds:</b> \$512.00												
<b>Jurisdiction:</b> Prince William County, & Cities of Manassas & Manassas Park																		
<b>Amendment:</b> Add \$250K of STP funds to FY11 Construction phase for installing a proximity card type of building and yard access system.																		
<b>Air Quality:</b> This project is exempt from the requirement to determine air quality conformity.																		

TIPGROUP: Transit Ridesharing																	
TIP ID:	Agency ID:	T1833	Title: PRTC Commuter Assistance Program			FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	Complete: 2010					
			80%	20%	0%												
<b>Facility:</b> \$600 a			CMAQ	80%	20%	0%											
<b>From:</b>													\$300 a	\$300 a			
<b>To:</b>																	
<b>Description:</b> Provides comprehensive transit commute matching services for Prince William Co., Manassas, and Manassas Park. Ridematching services are coordinated with the regional MWCOG commuter connection database.						<b>Total Funds:</b> \$600.00											
<b>Jurisdiction:</b> Prince William County, & Cities of Manassas & Manassas Park																	
<b>Amendment:</b> Add \$300K of CMAQ funding into the FY11 PE phase.																	
<b>Air Quality:</b> This project is exempt from the requirement to determine air quality conformity.																	

PRTC - Transit





Amendment: Add \$1250K of Federal earmark (5309-B) funds to the FY11 construction phase.  
 Air Quality: This project is exempt from the requirement to determine air quality conformity.

TIP ID:	Agency ID:	Title:	Complete:
5716	T8522/VRE0014	Broad Run Station Parking Expansion	2014
Facility:	\$1,000 a CMAQ	80% 20% 0%	\$1,420 a \$1,000 a
From:			
To:			
Description: Project will add a three or four story parking structure at Broad Run VRE Station with a net gain of 985 spaces for a total of 1,870 spaces.			Total Funds: \$2,420.00
Jurisdiction: Prince William County			
Amendment: Add \$1,000 of CMAQ funds to FY2011 PE phase.			
Air Quality: This project is exempt from the requirement to determine air quality conformity.			

TIP ID:	Agency ID:	Title:	Complete:
5717	T8523/VRE0015	Station Platform Projects	2014
Facility:	CMAQ	80% 20% 0%	\$100 a \$1,500 c
From:			
To:			
Description: Project includes design and construction to lengthen the existing platform from 400 feet to 650 feet, extend the canopy, as well as adding a second platform.			Total Funds: \$1,750.00
Jurisdiction: Prince William County			
Amendment: Add \$1,500K in CMAQ funds to FY11 Construction phase.			
Air Quality: This project is exempt from the requirement to determine air quality conformity.			

TIP ID:	Agency ID:	Title:	Complete:
4534	VRE0009	Rolling Stock Acquisition	2014
Facility:	5309-B	80% 20% 0%	\$6,188 c \$3,750 c \$5,475 c \$4,286 c \$2,050 c \$2,050 c \$9,938.00
From:	5307	80% 20% 0%	\$6,347 c \$7,212 c \$6,810 c \$4,286 c \$2,050 c \$2,050 c \$27,888.00
To:	5309	80% 20% 0%	\$6,693 c \$5,482 c \$7,908 c \$6,375 c \$6,382 c \$3,682 c \$35,642.00
	ARRA 5307	100% 0% 0%	\$9,688 c \$5,813 c
	Flex STP	80% 0% 20%	\$4,125 c
Description: VRE has purchased from Sunitomo 11 cab cars (base order), 50 cab and trailers (option order) and an additional 10 cars. In addition, VRE has contracted with Motive Power for 19 locomotives. This project includes funding for debt service on the rolling stock, spec development, and construction oversight.			Total Funds: \$73,468.00
Jurisdiction: Prince William County			
Amendment: Add \$3,750K of Federal earmark (5309-B) funds to the construction phase of FY11, add \$2,301K and \$83K in 5307 Formula funds to FY11 and FY12 in the construction phase, and add \$1,595K and \$117K of 5309 Formula funds to FY11 and FY12 in the construction phase.			
Air Quality: This project is exempt from the requirement to determine air quality conformity.			

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**RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO  
THE FY 2010- 2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS  
EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE  
FUNDING FOR AN INTERMODAL PEDESTRIAN PROJECT IN MOUNT RAINIER, AS  
REQUESTED BY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
WORKS & TRANSPORTATION (DPWT)**

**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 July 15, 2009 the TPB adopted the FY 2010-2015 TIP; and

**WHEREAS**, in the attached letter of August 30, 2010 Prince George's County DPWT has requested an amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to include \$220,000 in FTA Section 5309 for an Intermodal Pedestrian Project in the City of Mount Rainier, as described in the attached materials; and

**WHEREAS**, this project is 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 National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2010-2015 TIP to include \$220,000 in FTA Section 5309 for an Intermodal Pedestrian Project in the City of Mount Rainier, as described in the attached materials.

**Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on September 3, 2010.**



Jack B. Johnson  
County Executive

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Department of Public Works and Transportation  
Office of the Director



August 30, 2010

The Honorable David Snyder  
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 Snyder:

On behalf of the City of Mount Rainier, Prince George's County requests amending the FY2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the MD intermodal Pedestrian Project as requested by the City of Mount Rainier. The project is designed to create an inter-modal transportation center that improves pedestrian mobility and reduces vehicular traffic in the city's downtown area. The goals of the project are to:

1. Create a kiss and ride surface parking lot for bus passengers
2. Provide designated parking spaces for bus operators
3. Install bicycle racks in close proximity of the bus shelter
4. Provide ADA accessible access (i.e., ADA ramps, crosswalks, etc.) to and from the kiss and ride lot.

The proposed amendment will place a total \$219,936 in FY10 TIP for right-of way acquisition, preliminary engineering and construction, using the FTA Section 5309 federal funds (\$175,949) and the City of Mount Rainier Local funds (\$48,987). While several sources for local match have been identified by the City of Mount Rainier, the Capital Improvement Program for the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation is not to be a source of funding for this project.

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The Honorable David Snyder  
August 30, 2010  
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This proposed project amendment is exempt from air quality conformity analysis. Prince George's County requests this amendment be approved by the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) Steering Committee at its meeting on September 3, 2010, and subsequently the full TPB on September 15, 2010.

Thank you for your consideration of and action on this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end, positioned above the typed name.

Haitham A. Hijazi, Member  
Transportation Planning Board  
Prince George's County

cc: Vic Weissberg, Special Assistant to the Director

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

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY14	FY 15	Source Total
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**Prince Georges County**

**Transit**

**MD Intermodal Pedestrian Project**

TIP ID: <b>5813</b>	Agency ID:	Title: <b>MD Intermodal Pedestrian Project</b>	Complete:						
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Facility:	Section 5309	78/0/22	220 c	220					
From:				<b>Total Funds: 220</b>					
To:									

Description: The project is designed to create an inter-modal transportation center that improves pedestrian mobility and reduces vehicular traffic in the city's downtown area. The goals of the project are to: - Create a kiss and ride surface parking lot for bus passengers - Provide designated parking spaces for bus operators - Install bicycle racks in close proximity of the bus shelter - Provide ADA accessible access (i.e., ADA ramps, crosswalks, etc.) to and from the kiss and ride lot

<b>Amendment - Add New Project</b>	<b>Approved on: 9/3/2010</b>
Add this project to the FY 2010-2015 TIP with \$219,936 of FTA Section 5309 and local matching funds in FY 10.	

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**RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO  
THE FY 2010- 2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS  
EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO  
REPROGRAM AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA)  
FUNDING FROM A FIBER OPTICS EXPANSION PROJECT TO THE TRAVILAH  
ROAD AND WIGHTMAN ROAD PAVEMENT RESURFACING PROJECTS, AS  
REQUESTED BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION**

**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 July 15, 2009 the TPB adopted the FY 2010-2015 TIP; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), which includes substantial funding for the nation's transportation system, was enacted; and

**WHEREAS**, in the attached letter of August 25, 2010 Montgomery County has requested an amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to withdraw the Fiber Optics Expansion project on US 29 and to reprogram \$1.624 million in ARRA funding to the Travilah Road and Wightman Road Pavement Resurfacing projects, 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 National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2010-2015 TIP to withdraw the Fiber Optics Expansion project on US 29 and to reprogram \$1.624 million in ARRA funding to the Travilah Road and Wightman Road Pavement Resurfacing projects, as described in the attached materials.

**Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on September 3, 2010.**



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Isiah Leggett  
*County Executive*

Arthur Holmes, Jr.  
*Director*

August 25, 2010

Mr. David Snyder, Chairman  
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Snyder:

As you are aware, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was signed into law on February 17, 2009. Montgomery County recently amended its Fiscal Years (FY) 2011-2016 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to reflect the ineligibility of one of the original ARRA projects and the subsequent transfer of those funds to new ARRA pavement resurfacing projects. A copy of County Council Resolution No. 16-1432 amending the CIP is attached. Montgomery County would now like to amend the FYs 10-15 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reflect the July 13, 2010, Amendment to the FYs 11-16 Montgomery County CIP regarding the ARRA Highway Improvements (No. 501003) and ARRA Traffic Improvements (no. 501002) projects.

The Federal Highway Administration has advised the State of Maryland and Montgomery County that the Stimulus funds originally programmed in ARRA Traffic Improvements (No. 501002) for the installation of fiber optics are ineligible. As a result, we transferred this budget allocation to another transportation project. Montgomery County Council Resolution No. 16-1432 reflected the transfer of \$600,000 in the Fiber Optics Installation project to the ARRA Highway Improvements Project (No. 501003) for Pavement Resurfacing.

In addition, actual bids for several of the projects programmed in the ARRA Traffic Improvements Project (No. 501002) are lower than original estimates. The resulting remaining funds (\$429,000) were reallocated and transferred to the ARRA Highway Improvements Project (No. 501003) for Pavement Resurfacing.

Taken together, these changes resulted in the addition of \$1,029,000 to the ARRA Highway Improvements Project which funds the resurfacing of roads. This transfer resulted in the addition of Travilah Road and Wightman Road to the Pavement Resurfacing Project in the TIP. The iTIP database was amended on August 9, 2010, to reflect the withdrawal of the Fiber Optics Resurfacing project, as well as the addition of the Travilah Road and Wightman Road Pavement Resurfacing Projects.

**Office of the Director**

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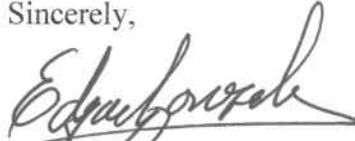
*Located one block west of the Rockville Metro Station*



Mr. David Snyder  
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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Gary Erenrich, at 240-777-7156 or at [gary.erenrich@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:gary.erenrich@montgomerycountymd.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edgar Gonzalez", written in a cursive style.

Edgar Gonzalez, P.E.

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Enclosure

cc: Gary Erenrich

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

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	Source Total
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**Montgomery County**

**ITS**

**Fiber Optics: Advanced Transportation Management System**

TIP ID: **5616** Agency ID: Title: ~~Fiber Optics Expansion~~ Complete: ~~2011~~

Facility: ~~US 29~~ ARRA 100/0/0 600-e 600

From: ~~Briggs Chaney Road~~ **Total Funds: 600**

To: ~~Howard County Line~~

Description: ~~Montgomery County's fiber optic based communications system (FiberNet) provides the communications links supporting the Advanced Transportation Management System (ATMS) and Traffic Signal System Modernization (TSSM) projects. This ARRA project provides for fiber optic cable plant along US 29 from the current terminus at Briggs Chaney Road to the Howard County Line. This project will further the extension of the ATMS and facilitate the deployment of new traffic signal control features and functionality.~~

**Amendment - Withdraw Project** Approved on: 9/3/2010  
This project is being withdrawn and the ARRA funds are to be reprogrammed to the Travilah Road and Wightman Road Pavement Resurfacing projects.

**Other**

**Pavement Resurfacing**

TIP ID: **5811** Agency ID: Title: **Pavement Resurfacing: Wightman Road - ARRA** Complete: **2011**

Facility: Wightman Road ARRA 100/0/0 707 c 707

From: Brink Road **Total Funds: 707**

To: Goshen Road

Description: Resurfacing and associated patching of Wightman Road from Brink Road to Goshen Road. The road is in immediate need of resurfacing and associated patching.

**Amendment - Add New Project** Approved on: 9/3/2010  
Add project to the FY 2010-2015 TIP with \$706,795 in ARRA funding in FY 11.

TIP ID: **5810** Agency ID: Title: **Pavement Resurfacing: Travilah Road - ARRA** Complete: **2011**

Facility: Travilah Road ARRA 100/0/0 917 c 917

From: Dufief Road **Total Funds: 917**

To: River Road

Description: Resurfacing and associated patching of Travilah Road from Dufief Road to River Road. The road is in immediate need of resurfacing and associated patching.

**Amendment - Add New Project** Approved on: 9/3/2010  
Add project to the FY 2010-2015 TIP with \$917,417 in ARRA funding in FY 11.