

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

RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2019-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE SOAPSTONE CONNECTOR PROJECT IN FAIRFAX 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 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 October 17, 2018 the TPB adopted the FY 2019-2024 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of December 14, 2018 MDOT has requested that the FY 2019-2024 TIP be amended to include \$1.47 million in revenue sharing funding for planning and engineering in FY 2019; and \$136 million in revenue sharing and advanced construction funding for right-of-way acquisition in FY 2021 for the Soapstone Connector project (TIP ID 6583), as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, this project is included in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of Visualize 2045 and the FY 2019-2024 TIP (CON ID 722, VSF49);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2019-2024 TIP to include \$1.47 million in revenue sharing funding for planning and engineering in FY 2019; and \$136 million in revenue sharing and advanced construction funding for right-of-way acquisition in FY 2021 for the Soapstone Connector project, as described in the attached materials.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Stephen C. Brich, P.E.
COMMISSIONER

December 14, 2018

The Honorable Martin Nohe, Chair
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002-4201

RE: National Capital Region FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment for the Soapstone Connector, UPC 112479

Dear Mr. Nohe:

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requests an amendment to the FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add funding for the construction of the Soapstone Connector in Fairfax County.

The Soapstone Connector will be a new roadway between Sunset Hills Rd. and Sunrise Valley Dr. in Reston, near the Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail Station. There will be a four lane structure crossing over the Dulles Corridor and a three-lane roadway approach to the overpass. The project includes sidewalks, shared use paths and on-road bike lanes.

This amendment adds approximately \$137 million to the TIP for preliminary engineering and right of way and increases the total cost estimate to \$215.9 million. Funding sources include Advance Construction (AC) and Virginia Revenue Sharing. "Prior Years" funding in FY 2018 has also been adjusted in the STIP, and this adjustment has been added to the TIP database for informational purposes.

The Connector is included in the Visualize 2045 long range transportation plan and the related 2018 Air Quality Conformity Analysis. The funding amounts and sources reflect updates to total costs and planned obligations as approved by the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board and are consistent with the revenue forecasts in the Visualize 2045 Financial Plan. Consequently, the amendment will not change the air quality conformity or fiscal constraint status of the TIP.

VDOT requests that these amendments be placed on the agenda of the Transportation Planning Board's Steering Committee at its meeting on January 4, 2019. VDOT's representative will attend the meetings and will be available to answer any questions about the amendment.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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District Administrator
Northern Virginia District

cc:

Ms. Rene'e Hamilton, VDOT-NoVA
Ms. Maria Sinner, P.E., VDOT-NoVA
Mr. Norman Whitaker, AICP, VDOT-NoVA

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA
FY 2019-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)**

		Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Source Total
TIP ID: 6583 Agency ID: 112479		Title: Soapstone Connector		Complete: 2022 Total Cost: \$215,900							
Facility: Soapstone Connector	AC	100/0/0	7,740 a				125,291 b				125,291
From: Sunrise Valley Dr	NVTA	0/0/100	8,250 a								
To: Sunset Hills Dr	REVSH	0/50/50		1,470 a			10,709 b				12,179
Total Funds: 137,470											

Description: New multimodal roadway between Sunset Hills Rd and Sunrise Valley Dr. in Reston. Near Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail Station, includes crossing over the Dulles Corridor. Includes 4 lane cross section, on-road bike, sidewalk, and shared use path.

Amendment: Add Project **Requested on: 1/4/2019**
 Amend project into the FY 2019-2024 TIP with \$7,740,000 (AC) FFY18 PE phase; add \$1,460,000 (REVSH & Matching) FFY19 PE phase; add \$10,709,000 (REVSH & Matching) & 125,291,428 (AC-Other Local funds) FFY21 RW phase.