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March 2, 2017

The Honorable Bridget Donnell Newton, Chair
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300
Washington DC 20002

Dear Chairman Newton:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is requesting an amendment to the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) 2016 Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and the air quality conformity analyses. The amendment reflects the following change proposed by MDOT on behalf of the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA):

- Change the year of completion of the Governor Harry W. Nice Bridge Replacement from 2030 to 2023.

The Governor Harry W. Nice Bridge Replacement project will replace the current two-lane bridge with a four-lane bridge with bike and pedestrian accommodations. This project is already included in the current regional Air Quality Conformity for the 2016 CLRP. The proposed change has been determined to be regionally significant for air quality conformity purposes as per the TPB's process of applying federal air quality conformity regulations in conducting regional air quality conformity analyses for the CLRP and the TIP. Since the completion of this project is moving up seven years, MDOT is requesting, in coordination with the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) request, an off-cycle conformity analysis to meet requirements necessary to modify the construction timeline for the Governor Harry W. Nice Bridge Replacement. Additionally, the updated completion date needs to be reflected in the CLRP so that the MDTA can complete the loan application for Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) funds.

The MDOT also requests that this proposed amendment be included in the appropriate public participation process started for VDOT's amendment. This would involve being included in the public comment period starting on March 9, 2017 and subsequently briefing the TPB on this proposed amendment request and the scope of work at the March 15, 2017 Board meeting.

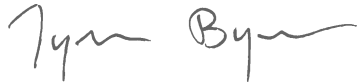
The MDOT agrees to partially reimburse the TPB for the costs incurred in processing this CLRP amendment including those for revising the regional air quality conformity analyses under MDOT's Technical Assistance portion of the approved FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

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We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Should you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Kari Snyder, MDOT Office of Planning and Capital Programming (OPCP) Regional Planner at 410-865-1305, toll free 888-713-1414 or via e-mail at ksnyder3@mdot.state.md.us. Ms. Snyder will be happy to assist you. Of course, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tyson Byrne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Tyson Byrne
Regional Planning Manager
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

cc: Ms. Kari Snyder, Regional Planner, OPCP, MDOT

CLRP PROJECT DESCRIPTION FORM

23. Promote Regional Activity Centers

- Does this project begin or end in an Activity Center?
- Does this project connect two or more Activity Centers?
- Does this project promote non-auto travel within one or more Activity Centers?

24. Ensure System Maintenance, Preservation, and Safety

- Does this project contribute to enhanced system maintenance, preservation, or safety?

25. Maximize Operational Effectiveness and Safety

- Project is primarily designed to reduce travel time on highways and/or transit without building new capacity (e.g., ITS, bus priority treatments, etc.)?
- Does this project enhance safety for motorists, transit users, pedestrians, and/or bicyclists?

26. Protect and Enhance the Natural Environment

- Is this project expected to contribute to reductions in emissions of criteria pollutants?
- Is this project expected to contribute to reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases?

27. Support Interregional and International Travel and Commerce

Please identify all freight carrier modes that this project enhances, supports, or promotes.

- Long-Haul Truck
- Local Delivery
- Rail
- Air

Please identify all passenger carrier modes that this project enhances, supports, or promotes.

- Air
- Amtrak intercity passenger rail
- Intercity bus

28. Additional Policy Framework Response

Please provide additional written information that describes how this project further supports or advances these and other regional goals or needs.

MAP-21 PLANNING FACTORS

29. Please identify any and all planning factors that are addressed by this project:

- a. Support the **economic vitality** of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
- b. Increase the **safety** of the transportation system for all motorized and non-motorized users.
 - i. Is this project being proposed specifically to address a safety issue? Yes; No
 - ii. If yes, briefly describe (in quantifiable terms, where possible) the nature of the safety problem:
- c. Increase the ability of the transportation system to support **homeland security** and to safeguard the personal security of all motorized and non-motorized users.
- d. Increase **accessibility and mobility** of people.
- e. Increase accessibility and mobility of **freight**.
- f. Protect and enhance the **environment**, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
- g. Enhance the **integration and connectivity** of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.
- h. Promote efficient system **management and operation**.
- i. Emphasize the **preservation** of the existing transportation system.

CLRP PROJECT DESCRIPTION FORM

ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION

30. Have any potential mitigation activities been identified for this project? Yes; No
- a. If yes, what types of mitigation activities have been identified?
- Air Quality; Floodplains; Socioeconomics; Geology, Soils and Groundwater; Vibrations;
 - Energy; Noise; Surface Water; Hazardous and Contaminated Materials; Wetlands

CONGESTION MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

31. Congested Conditions
- a. Do traffic congestion conditions necessitate the proposed project or program? Yes; No
- b. If so, is the congestion recurring or non-recurring? Recurring; Non-recurring
- c. If the congestion is on another facility, please identify it:
32. Capacity
- a. Is this a capacity-increasing project on a limited access highway or other principal arterial? Yes; No
- b. If the answer to Question 32.a was "yes", are any of the following exemption criteria true about the project? (Choose one, or indicate that none of the exemption criteria apply):
- None of the exemption criteria apply to this project – a Congestion Management Documentation Form is required
 - The project will not use federal funds in any phase of development or construction (100% state, local, and/or private funding)
 - The number of lane-miles added to the highway system by the project totals less than one lane-mile
 - The project is an intersection reconstruction or other traffic engineering improvement, including replacement of an at-grade intersection with an interchange
 - The project, such as a transit, bicycle or pedestrian facility, will not allow private single-occupant motor vehicles
 - The project consists of preliminary studies or engineering only, and is not funded for construction
 - The construction costs for the project are less than \$10 million.
- c. If the project is not exempt and requires a Congestion Management Documentation Form, click here to open a blank Congestion Management Documentation Form.

RECORD MANAGEMENT

33. Completed Year:
34. Project is being withdrawn from the CLRP.
35. Withdrawn Date: MM/DD/YYYY
36. Record Creator: P. Fleming
37. Created On: 1/4/2008
38. Last Updated by: Glen Smith
39. Last Updated On: 3/2/2017
40. Comments: