



**Maryland Department of Transportation**  
The Secretary's Office

March 1, 2017

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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) requests the following amendments to the suburban Maryland portion of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) FY 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for one existing project as described below and in the attached memo. The change for TIP #5227 reflects the addition of state toll funds to replace the Governor Harry W. Nice Bridge. The Maryland Transportation Authority's (MDTA) anticipates advertising a design-build contract for the new bridge in 2018, starting construction in 2020, and opening a new, wider, and safer bridge in 2023. As this project is already included in the current regional Air Quality Conformity for the 2016 Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP), this action does not change the air quality impact on conformity.

TIP ID#	Project	Phase	Amount of New Funding	Comment
5527	Governor Harry W. Nice Bridge Improvement Project	RW CO	\$10,516,000 \$549,300,000	Add funding for right-of-way and construction.

MDOT requests that this amendment be approved by the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) at its March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting.

The revised funding status will not impact scheduling or funding availability for other projects in the current TIP, which continues to be fiscally constrained. The additional funds are available through a combination of MDTA cash and debt and utilizing refunding opportunities for existing debt. MDTA will be taking advantage of significant cost savings through a design-build approach to procurement, a practical design, over attainment of toll revenues, and current low interest rates. The amount of MDTA debt needed to fund the project will be determined by the participation by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and actual revenue attainment.

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The Honorable Bridget Donnell Newton  
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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](mailto: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, flowing style.

Tyson Byrne  
Manager, Regional Planning  
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

Attachment

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



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Nice Bridge Improvement Project

TO: Director Heather Murphy
ATTN: Regional Planning Manager Tyson Byrne Regional Planner Kari Snyder
FROM: Melissa Williams, MDTA, Acting Director, Planning and Program Development
SUBJECT: Request to amend the FY 2017-2022 National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

DATE: February 23, 2017

PREPARED BY: Glen Smith, Project Manager for Division of Planning and Program Development

PURPOSE

To request the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Office of Planning and Capital Programming approve and forward to TPB for its approval the following TIP amendment.

SUMMARY

The Maryland Department of Transportation's Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) hereby requests amendment of the FY 2017-2022 TPB TIP to reflect the following actions.

ANALYSIS

Table with 4 columns: TIP, PROJECT, PHASE, NEW FUNDING. Row 1: 5527, Gov Harry W. Nice Bridge Improvement Project, RW, \$10,516,000. Row 2: CO, \$549,300,000.

This requested amendment reflects the addition of \$10,516,000 of right-of-way acquisition and the addition of \$549,300,000 of construction funding in the FY 2017-2022 TPB TIP. While outside the scope of the FY 2017-2022 TPB TIP, MDTA is programming an additional \$208,784,000 in FY 2023 and beyond for construction of this project.

Please amend the FY 2017-2022 TPB TIP and the FY 2017-2022 Maryland STIP to reflect the funding information provided in the attachments. MDOT requests this amendment in order that the FY 2017-2022 TPB reflect MDOT's addition of right-of-way and construction funds for this project.

Ms. Heather Murphy

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The MDTA is an independent State agency that acts on behalf of but is separate from the Maryland Department of Transportation. By law, the MDTA is a group of eight citizens who are appointed by the Governor (and confirmed by the Senate) and the Secretary of Transportation, who serves as Chairman. The MDTA is a non-budgeted agency that relies solely on revenues generated from Maryland's eight toll facilities. Toll revenues are pooled to cover financing, construction, operating, maintenance, and law-enforcement costs, thus providing the strongest possible security for financing transportation improvement projects.

Right-of way and construction funds are being added now because MDTA has brought the project cost down significantly by building only what is needed and making important design changes. MDTA is also taking advantage of the current low-interest rate environment.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment request, please contact Mr. Glen Smith, MDTA Project Manager, at 410-537-5665, or via email to [gsmith2@mdta.state.md.us](mailto:gsmith2@mdta.state.md.us).

**ATTACHMENT**

FY 2017-2022 TPB TIP project 5527

cc: Ms. Melissa Williams, Acting Director, MDTA  
Mr. Will Pines, Director, MDTA  
Ms. Kari Snyder, Regional Planner, MDOT  
Mr. Tyson Byrne, Manager, MDOT

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

**FY 2017 - 2022**

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	Source Total
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**MDOT/Maryland Transportation Authority**

**Primary**

**Governor Harry W. Nice Bridge Improvement Project**

TIP ID: 5527	Agency ID:	Title: <b>Governor Harry W. Nice Bridge Improvement Project</b>	Complete: 2030	Total Cost: <b>\$768,600</b>						
Facility: US Bridge over Potomac	State	0/100/0	19,959 a	2,761 b	1,825 b	2,825 b	2,025 b	1,080 b	268,600 c	559,816
From: Charles County, MD			147 b				83,800 c	196,900 c		
To: King George County, VA										<b>Total Funds: 559,816</b>

Description: Construct a new four-lane bridge north of the existing bridge, with a barrier-separated, two-way bicycle/pedestrian path on the south side of the bridge. Included in the project is preventative maintenance of the existing bridge until the construction phase is programmed.

**Amendment: Add New Project** **Requested on: 3/3/2017**  
 Amend project into the FY 2017-2022 TIP with \$560 million in state funding between FY 2017 and FY 2022 for right-of-way acquisition and construction.