

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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Item #5

MEMORANDUM

February 9, 2009

To: Transportation Planning Board

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

RE: Steering Committee Actions

At its meeting of February 6, 2009, the TPB Steering Committee approved the following resolutions:

- TPB SR8-2009 an amendment to the FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to include the task: Bus Passenger Counts in support of the 2009 Central Employment Area Cordon Count in the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Technical Assistance program.
- TPB SR9-2009 on an Amendment to the FY2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that is exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to include funding for the Bicycle Sharing Program and to remove funding for the Rock Creek Park Trail Project, as requested by the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT).

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 2009 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) TO INCLUDE THE TASK:
BUS PASSENGER COUNTS IN SUPPORT OF THE 2009 CENTRAL EMPLOYMENT AREA
CORDON COUNT IN THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
(WMATA) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), as the metropolitan planning organization for the Washington Metropolitan area, 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 Joint Planning Regulations issued 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 2009 UPWP for the Washington Metropolitan Region was adopted by the TPB on March 19, 2008; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of February 6, 2009, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has requested that the work activity: Analyze Bus Passenger Survey Trip Origins and Destinations with a budget of \$50,000 in its Technical Assistance Program be amended to fund a new work activity entitled: Bus Passenger Counts in Support of the 2009 Central Employment Area Cordon Count as described in the attached materials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2009 WMATA work activity: Analyze Bus Passenger Survey Trip Origins and Destinations with a budget of \$50,000 in its Technical Assistance Program with a new work activity entitled: Bus Passenger Counts in Support of the 2009 Central Employment Area Cordon Count, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on February 6, 2009.



February 6, 2009

The Honorable Charles Jenkins
Chairman, National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.; Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002-4201

RE: FY2009 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment

Dear Chairman Jenkins:

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) requests an amendment to the FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to include changes to Section 6.D. WMATA Technical Assistance. Since the 1970's, counting private vehicle and transit ridership traversing the Central Employment Area Cordon has provided a quantifiable performance measure of the transportation system. This year WMATA is asking for COG/TPB assistance in collecting bus ridership counts.

This amendment will shift \$50,000 in FY 2009 WMATA Technical Assistance funds currently allocated to "Analyzing Bus Passenger Survey of Trip Origins and Destinations" to a "Bus Cordon Count" task. This new task will provide funds for collecting transit bus ridership counts at approximately 40 monitoring stations along the cordon in concurrence with the Spring 2009 Central Employment Area Cordon data collection effort. The "Analyzing Bus Passenger Survey of Trip Origins and Destinations" task will be moved to the FY 2010 WMATA Technical Assistance work plan.

WMATA requests that the TPB Steering Committee approve this amendment at its February 6, 2009 meeting. A copy of the project listing proposed to be added to the FY 2009 UPWP is attached.

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

Sincerely,

Nat Bottigheimer
Assistant General Manager
Department of Planning and Joint Development

**Washington
Metropolitan Area
Transit Authority**

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By Metrorail:
Judiciary Square—Red Line
Gallery Place-Chinatown—
Red, Green and
Yellow Lines
By Metrobus:
Routes D1, D3, D8, P8,
70, 71, 80, X2

A District of Columbia,
Maryland and Virginia
Transit Partnership

D. WMATA

Analyze Bus Passenger Survey Trip Origins and Destinations

Staff will tabulate the results of the spring 2008 Regional Bus Survey to analyze current bus ridership trip origin and destination patterns by jurisdiction and Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ) for both commuting and non-commuting travel. This analysis will include, but may not be limited to, examining major modes of access to bus transit, transfers between bus routes, and transfers to and from other transit vehicles including Metrorail. Staff will document analysis findings in a detailed technical memorandum.

Cost Estimate: \$50,000

Schedule: October 2008

Bus Passenger Counts in Support of the 2009 Central Employment Area Cordon Count

TPB Staff will conduct Metrobus and Circulator ridership counts as apart of the Spring 2009 Central Employment Area Cordon Count. Bus ridership data collection will be performed at approximately 40 cordon monitoring stations for inbound buses (toward the D.C. core) between 5 am and 10 am, outbound buses (away from D.C. core) between 3 pm and 8 pm and at the Potomac River crossings in both directions between 5-10 am and 3-8 pm. Data collection will include date of count, weather conditions, time of observation, bus number, route number and number of riders. The count will not include local transit operators or Metrorail riders. Bus ridership counts will be added to the Central Employment Area Cordon Count data set.

Cost Estimate: \$50,000

Schedule: May 2009

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
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**RESOLUTION ON AMENDMENT TO
THE FY 2009- 2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS
EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE
FUNDING FOR THE BICYCLE SHARING PROGRAM AND TO REMOVE FUNDING FOR
THE ROCK CREEK PARK TRAIL PROJECT, AS REQUESTED BY THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DDOT)**

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 November 19, 2008 the TPB adopted amendments to the FY 2009-2014 TIP which was adopted on July 16, 2008; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of February 5, 2009, DDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2009-2014 TIP to add \$3,300,000 of CMAQ funding in FY 2009 for the Bicycle Sharing project and to remove \$3,300,000 of CMAQ funding in FY 2009 from the Rock Creek Park Trail project 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 Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2009-2014 TIP to add \$3,300,000 of CMAQ funding in FY 2009 for the Bicycle Sharing project and to remove \$3,300,000 of CMAQ funding in FY 2009 from the Rock Creek Park Trail project, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on February 6, 2009

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)**

	Previous Funding	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	Source Fed/St/Loc	Source Total
Bike/Ped									
District-wide Bicycle Management Program									
Agency Project ID: CM023	Title: Bicycle Sharing								
Facility:		3,400 a						CMAAQ	3,400
From:								80 / 20 / 0	
To:								Total Funds:	3,400

Description: SmartBike is a bicycle rental program similar to car sharing. Educate and communicate the benefits of bike sharing to residents.

Rock Creek Park Trail

Agency Project ID: AF005A	Title: Rock Creek Park Trail								
Facility:									
From:									
To:									

Description: This facility is under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. This 12.6-mile project is designed to relieve congestion and reduce user accidents by widening the trail throughout the District of Columbia, including constructing a new trail along P St. to Pennsylvania Ave. along Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway. Replacement of the low water bridge at Porter Street and construction of a bike trail along feeder roads that connect to the adjacent neighborhoods have been completed. In addition, the TEA-21 High Priority program [Section 1602 No. 547] includes funds to provide enhanced recreational trails (e.g. bike trail maintenance) along Rock Creek Park.