

ITEM 15- Notice

March 15, 2006

Notice of Proposed Amendment to the FY 2006-2012 TIP that Is Exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to Modify the Funding and Construction Schedule for Widening I-66 Between US 29 and VA 234 in Prince William County, as Requested by Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Staff

Recommendation: Review proposed amendments

Issues: None

Background: As indicated in the attached letter, VDOT is requesting an amendment to the FY 2006-2012 TIP that is exempt from the air quality conformity requirement to add \$20.145 million for the widening of I-66 between US 29 and VA 234 and to advance the construction schedule from July 2008 to July 2006, as described in the enclosed materials.

These amendments would not require any changes to the air quality conformity analysis conducted for the FY 2006-2012 TIP.

Following a public comment period, the Board will be asked to act on this request at the April 19, 2006 meeting. Comments may be provided to the TPB in writing, at the TPB web site: "mwcog.org/transportation," or during the public comment period provided prior to each TPB meeting.



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February 23, 2006

National Capital Region
Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

The Honorable Michael Knapp
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 Knapp:

On behalf of itself, VDOT requests an amendment (attached) to the FY 2006-2011 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP). This project, I-66 from US 29 to VA 234, involves constructing two lanes in each direction, including a concurrent flow HOV lane. Originally, the project was scheduled for construction in July 2008 at a cost of \$ 77 million dollars. This amendment will increase the construction estimate to \$ 97 million dollars, and more importantly, advance the project two years, to July 2006. This cost change is due to increase in construction material unit costs and construction engineering inspection, and enhanced maintenance of traffic. This project has been included in previous conformity analysis.

The additional funds for the cost increase are from two other VDOT projects: I-95's fourth lane from Newington to the Occoquan and the I-66 interchange reconstruction at US 29 and Linton Hall Road in Gainesville. Both of these projects received earmarks in SAFETEA-LU, thus facilitating the transfer of funds. Neither project's schedule or finances will be adversely affected by this fund transfer.

VDOT requests that this amendment be approved by the Transportation Planning Board at its meeting on March 15, 2006.

The Honorable Michael Knapp
January 26, 2006
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Please call Jo Anne Sorenson at (703) 383-2461, if you need further information. Upon approval of this amendment, please furnish copies of the approval to Ms. Sorenson and to Mr. Ben Mannell in VDOT's Transportation and Mobility Planning Division. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Asst. Dist. Engr.
for

Dennis C. Morrison

attachments

Table 1

Background Information on NoVA Projects Proposed for Amendment into the FY-06 TIP

Presented to the Transportation Planning Board
March 15, 2006

Facility / Project:	I-66 - Additional Lanes, HOV Lanes
Jurisdiction:	Prince William County
Limits / Location:	US 29 (1.5 KM west of) RT 234 Bypass (0.9 KM west of)
Project Description:	Existing 4-lane roadway will be widened to 8 lanes during non-peak periods. During peak periods, the median lane will be restricted and operate as a concurrent flow HOV lane. Auxiliary lane will be provided in EB direction between US 29 and VA 234. The existing VA 234 interchange will be reconstructed as needed.
Agency Project ID:	70043
Agency Project Number:	0066-076-113
New CLRP Description Sheet required?	No, covered by existing CLRP description sheet.
New TIP Description Sheet required?	No, existing project in TIP.
Reason(s) for Amendment:	Advance project 2 years and increase construction estimate by 20 million dollars.
Conformity Status:	Project included in previous conformity analysis.
Financial Implications:	Additional 20 million dollars added into TIP.

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

PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENT - 03/15/2006

FY 2006-11

Changes to existing entries are noted in bold.

Agency Project ID	Facility, Location, Description	Phase	FY05 TIP Entry	Carry Over	Annual Element FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	Program Total FY 06-11	Funding Source			Funding Shares Fed/ST/Lo	
												80%	90%	100%		
70043	INTERSTATE Facility: I-66 - Additional Lanes, HOV Lanes From: US 29 (1.5 KM west of) To: RT 234 Bypass (0.9 KM west of) Jurisdiction: Prince William County	P.E. ROW Const			97,424						\$90,829 IM \$114 NHS \$6,481 FRANS	80%	90%	20%	10%	100%
	Reason for Amendment: Air Quality Financial Implications	Existing 4-lane roadway will be widened to 8 lanes during non-peak periods. During peak periods, the median lane will be restricted & operate as a concurrent flow HOV lane. Auxiliary lane will be provided in EB direction between US 29 & VA 234. The existing VA 234 interchange will be reconstructed as needed. CON phase increase \$ 20, 145 K. Funding Source now include Interstate Maintenance. Project limit wording synched with STIP. Project included in previous conformity analysis. Adds an additional \$ 20 M into TIP for CON. These additional funds come from projects which received SAFETEA LU earmarks.														