

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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Item #5

MEMORANDUM

February 9, 2010

To: Transportation Planning Board

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

RE: Steering Committee Actions

At its meeting of February 5, 2010, the TPB Steering Committee approved the following resolutions:

- TPB SR16-2010 on an amendment to the FY2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that is exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to add funding for the purchase of three hybrid/compressed natural gas buses for Arlington Transit, as requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).
- TPB SR17-2010 on an amendment to the FY2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that is exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to add funding to reconfigure the interchange of I-295 and Malcolm X Avenue, as requested by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT).
- TPB SR18-2010 on an amendment to the FY2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that is exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Requirement to add funding for the Ways To Work program, as requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

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 ON AN AMENDMENT TO
THE FY 2010- 2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS
EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO ADD FUNDING FOR
THE PURCHASE OF THREE HYBRID/COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS BUSES FOR
ARLINGTON TRANSIT, 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 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 July 15, 2009 the TPB adopted the FY 2010-2015 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of February 1, 2010 VDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to add \$1.98 million for the purchase of three hybrid/compressed natural gas buses, using \$1.5 million in funds from the Federal Transit Administration's Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER) program which is administered as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and \$0.48 million in local matching funds, 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 2010-2015 TIP to add \$1.98 million for the purchase of three hybrid/compressed natural gas buses, using \$1.5 million in funds from the Federal Transit Administration's Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER) program which is administered as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and \$0.48 million in local matching funds, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on February 5, 2010.



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GREGORY A. WHIRLEY
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February 1, 2010

National Capital Region
Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

The Honorable David Snyder
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 Snyder:

On behalf of Arlington County, VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office requests amending the FY 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to provide funding for a transit project. Part of the funding for this project comes from a Federal Transit Administration program called the Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER) which is administered as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA - Federal stimulus).

Purchase of Buses for Arlington Transit (ARL-0018). The proposed amendment will add \$1.5 million in TIGGER grant funds to be used for the purchase of three (3) hybrid/compressed natural gas transit buses. In addition to the grant funds, Arlington County will be contributing \$0.48 million in local money to the project as a supplement (the grant does not require a local match), resulting in a overall project cost of \$1.98 Million dollars.

The new buses will be used to continue provision of existing bus services and will not, by themselves, result in initiating new transit services in the county. As such the project will not affect the currently approved air quality conformity analyses.

The attached table presents the revised project funding for the FY 2010-2015 TIP. Also attached is a copy of the letter of request from the Director of Transportation for Arlington County.

VDOT requests that this amendment be approved by the TPB's Steering Committee at its February 5, 2010 meeting. Upon approval of this amendment, please furnish copies of the approval to Ms. Jo Anne Sorenson (VDOT's Northern Virginia office) and to Mr. Chad Tucker in VDOT's Transportation and Mobility Planning Division in Richmond.

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

Sincerely,

Jo Anne Sorenson
Asst. Dist. Admin

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District Administrator
VDOT – Northern Virginia District

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

TIP Amendment -1/29/2010

FY 2010-15

Changes to existing entries are noted in bold.

Agency Project ID	Facility, Location, Description	Phase	Previous Funding	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	Program Total FY 10-15	Funding Source	Funding Shares Fed/st/lo	
VDOT													
ARL-0018	Title: TIGGER ART bus purchase Facility: From: To: Jurisdiction: Arlington County Reason for Amendment: Air Quality Project is categorically exempt from an air quality conformity analysis.	PE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
		ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
		CN	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	ARRA TIGGER	100%
		CN	\$0	\$480	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$480	Supplement	0%
											0%	100%	

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**RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO
THE FY 2010- 2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS
EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO ADD FUNDING TO
RECONFIGURE THE INTERCHANGE OF I-295 AND MALCOLM X AVENUE, AS
REQUESTED BY THE DISTRICT 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 July 15, 2009 the TPB adopted the FY 2010-2015 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of February 3, 2010 DDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to add \$100 million in Surface Transportation Program (STP) and local matching funds to the Malcolm X/I-295 Interchange Reconfiguration project, as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, this project is exempt from the air quality conformity requirement because the interchange reconfiguration is not regionally significant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2010-2015 TIP to add \$100 million in Surface Transportation Program (STP) and local matching funds to the Malcolm X/I-295 Interchange Reconfiguration project, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on February 5, 2010.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Transportation Policy and Planning Administration

February 4, 2010

The Honorable David Snyder, Chairman
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300
Washington DC 20002-4290

Dear Chairman Snyder:

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) requests an amendment to the FY 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The purpose of this amendment is to add one additional project, the Malcolm X Avenue/I295 Interchange reconfiguration, to the Saint Elizabeths Campuses Access Improvements project (TIP ID #5723) currently included in the FY 2010-2015 TIP. A copy of the TIP project listing is attached.

On December 4, 2009 the TPB Steering Committee approved Resolution TPB SR9-2010 to amend the FY 2010-2015 TIP to include the St. Elizabeths Campuses Access Improvements Project with the Sheppard Parkway Access Road improvement. The purpose of the Sheppard Parkway access road is to provide access to the St. Elizabeths West Campus gate on the west side of the site. The facility will connect Firth Sterling to Malcolm X Avenue. This access road will be utilized by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) employees in personal vehicles, DHS shuttles, and Metro Bus. This facility will be closed to the public. The facility will be open by 2013. Design work will begin in 2010. The project will be funded using \$ 42.5 million in federal earmark funds.

The purpose of the proposed Malcolm X Avenue/I295 Interchange reconfiguration is to provide the necessary connection with the access road and connect the campus to the interstate network. Sketch level planning is complete. Design work would commence in 2012, construction in 2013 and the facility would open by 2015.

Following are funding details for the Malcolm X Avenue/I295 Interchange reconfiguration:

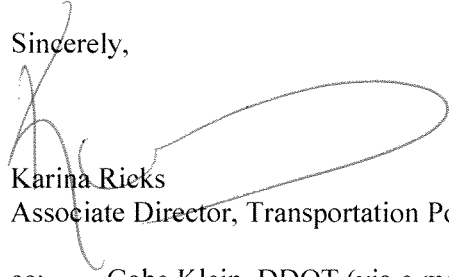
- For FY 2012 - \$10 million for design of the interchange (source: STP)
- For FY 2013 - \$90 million for construction of the interchange (source: STP)

The proposed project does not require conformity analysis or public review and comment. The funding source has been identified, and the TIP will remain fiscally constrained. Therefore, DDOT requests that the TPB Steering Committee approve this amendment at its February 5th meeting. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Should you have questions regarding this amendment, please contact either me at (202) 671-2542 or by e-mail at karina.ricks@dc.gov or Mark Rawlings at (202) 671-2234 or by e-mail at mark.rawlings@dc.gov.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karina Rieks', is written over a large, light-colored oval shape.

Karina Rieks

Associate Director, Transportation Policy and Planning Administration (TPPA)

cc: Gabe Klein, DDOT (via e-mail)
Leah Treat, DDOT (via e-mail)
Mark Rawlings, DDOT (via e-mail)
Ron Kirby, COG/TPB (via e-mail)

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

		Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	Source Total
Primary											
Anacostia Waterfront Initiative											
TIP ID: 5723	Agency ID: AW003	Title: St. Elizabeths Campuses Access Improvements								Complete: 2015	
Facility:	Earmark	80/0/20	7,000 b	3,500 a							42,500
From:				4,000 b							
To:				35,000 c							
	STP	80/0/20					10,000 a	90,000 c			100,000
										Total Funds:	142,500

Description: The project includes two improvements, the Shephard Parkway – Access Road and the Malcolm X Ave./I-295 Interchange Reconfiguration. The purpose of the Shephard Parkway access road is to provide access to the St. Elizabeths West Campus gate on the west side of the site. The facility will connect Firth Sterling to Malcolm X Ave.. This access road will be utilized by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) employees in personal vehicles, DHS shuttles, and by MetroBus. This facility will be closed to the public. The facility will be open by 2013. Design work will begin in 2010.



The purpose of the Malcolm X Ave./I-295 Interchange reconfiguration is to provide the necessary connection with the access road and connect the campus to the interstate network. Sketch level planning is complete. Design work would commence in 2012, construction in 2013 and the facility would open by 2015.

Amendment	Approved on:	12/4/2009
Reinstate the project into the FY 2010-2015 TIP with \$42.5 million in Earmark funding. and \$100 million in STP funds.		
Amendment	Approved on:	2/5/2010
This amendment adds the Malcolm X Ave./I-295 Interchange Reconfiguration to the project with \$10 million STP funds in FY 2012 and \$90 million in STP funds in FY 2013.		

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**RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO
THE FY 2010- 2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS
EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO ADD FUNDING FOR
THE WAYS TO WORK PROGRAM, AS REQUESTED BY THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) ON BEHALF OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA FAMILY SERVICE**

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 July 15, 2009 the TPB adopted the FY 2010-2015 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of February 4, 2010 VDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to add \$500,000 for the Ways to Work Program administered by the Northern Virginia Family Service organization using Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funds from the Federal Transit Administration and a 50% local match, 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 2010-2015 TIP to add \$500,000 for the Ways to Work Program administered by the Northern Virginia Family Service organization using Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funds from the Federal Transit Administration and a 50% local match, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on February 5, 2010.



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February 4, 2010

National Capital Region
Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

The Honorable David Snyder
Chairman, National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.; Suite 300
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Dear Chairman Snyder:

On behalf of the Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS), VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office requests amending the FY 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include a Federal Transit Administration "Job Access and Reverse Commute" (JARC) grant that NVFS has received. In 2009, Congress re-programmed a 2002 Virginia earmark in the amount of \$1 million for the "Ways to Work" (WtW) program in Virginia. Of that amount, \$250,000 has been assigned to NVFS to operate a WtW program in the Northern Virginia region. The program provides loans to low income families for car purchases to ensure transportation to jobs, thus improving economic stability. The WtW program is not a pilot program but an established program. Ways to Work, Inc., which is the national office of the WtW program, will be the recipient of the JARC funds. In order to access these assigned funds, Ways to Work, Inc., must certify to the FTA that the WtW loan program funds are included in the regional TIP. The proposed TIP entry is below.


Ways to Work Project. The proposed amendment will add \$0.5 million in FTA JARC grant funds to be used for the loans to low income families to purchase cars in order to have transportation to jobs. The funding consists of \$0.25 million in grant funds matched with \$0.25 million by the Ways to Work program.

The project will not affect the currently approved air quality conformity analyses.

The attached table presents the revised project funding for the FY 2010-2015 TIP. Also attached is a copy of the letter of request from the President and CEO of Northern Virginia Family Services which will manage the WtW program in Northern Virginia. VDOT requests that this amendment be approved by the TPB's Steering Committee at its February 5, 2010, meeting. Upon approval of this amendment, please furnish copies of the approval to Ms. Jo Anne Sorenson (VDOT's Northern Virginia office) and to Mr. Chad Tucker in VDOT's Transportation and Mobility Planning Division in Richmond.

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

Sincerely,


Morteza Salehi
District Administrator
VDOT – Northern Virginia District

cc: Ms. Diane Mitchell, VDOT-PD (w/ attach.)
Ms. Marie Berry VDRPT “
Ms. Deborah Grant, VDOT-PD “
Ms. Jo Anne Sorenson, VDOT-NoVA “



Northern Virginia Family Service

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February 3, 2010

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Dear Mr. Srikanth:

As per our discussion with Beth Newman at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, please consider our request to amend the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to include Northern Virginia Family Service's Ways to Work project.

In 2009, Congress re-programmed a 2002 Virginia earmark in the amount of \$1 million for Ways to Work programs in Virginia. These funds are through the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program of the Federal Transit Administration. \$250,000 of the earmark has been assigned to Northern Virginia Family Service. The funding is for a three-year period and will be used to operate a WtW in the Northern Virginia region inclusive of the following counties; Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William and it the cities of Alexandria, Manassas, Manassas Park and Winchester.

The Ways to Work (WtW) program provides loans to low-income families for car purchases to ensure transportation to jobs, and subsequent economic stability. Loan recipients repay the loan over two years at a moderate interest rate, and then the money is made available to other applicants. Eligibility qualifications are stringent and repayment rates are strong. This is not a pilot program, but an established program with a documented record of success.

Ways to Work, Inc., the national office of the WtW program, is the primary recipient of the JARC funds. Ways to Work, Inc. is the sister organization of the Alliance for Children and Families and is supported by a wide variety of private and public partners, including the Bank of America, the McKnight Foundation, the United States Department of Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and many others.

In order to access these funds Ways to Work, Inc. must submit an application to the Federal Transit Administration. In this application, Ways to Work, Inc. must certify to the FTA that the loan program is included in the area Metropolitan Transportation Organization's (MPO) TIP.

We appreciate your willingness to work with our organization to complete this task. I hope the information included in this packet is helpful, and thank you again for your assistance. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703.219.2100 or magee@nvfs.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Agee
President and CEO



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

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	Source Total
Human Service Transportation Coordination									
Ways To Work Program									
TIP ID: 5728	Agency ID:	Title: Ways to Work Program						Complete:	
Facility:	Section 5316	50//50	500 e						500
From:	(JARC)								
To:									Total Funds: 500

Description: The Ways to Work (WtW) program provides loans to low-income families for car purchases to ensure transportation to jobs, and subsequent economic stability. Loan recipients repay the loan over two years at a moderate interest rate, and then the money is made available to other applicants. Eligibility qualifications are stringent and repayment rates are strong.

This project is submitted by the Virginia Department of Transportation on behalf of Northern Virginia Family Service.

Amendment	Approved on: 2/5/2010
Add project to FY 2010-2015 TIP with \$250,000 in JARC funds and \$250,000 in matching local funds.	