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April 7, 2010

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RE: Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to Reflect an Amendment to the FY 2010 Baltimore Region Transportation Improvement Program to Reduce Funding for BRAC Intersections in Harford County and to Add Funding For the Reconstruction of the US 40/MD 715 Interchange. MDOT Control # 10-06.

Dear Mr. Castellanos and Ms. Thompson:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) hereby amends the FY 2010 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to reflect an amendment to the FY 2010 Baltimore Region Transportation Improvement Program which was approved by the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board on March 23, 2010. The amendment provides for the reduction of funding levels for several Base Relocation and Closure (BRAC) intersections near Aberdeen Proving Ground and the programming of funds for the reconstruction and associated improvements to the interchange at US 40 and MD Route 715. This is a BRAC project that will improve access to Aberdeen Proving Ground. A signed resolution and supporting documentation is attached.

The Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program continues to be fiscally constrained. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Michael Nixon, Manager of Regional Planning, Office of Planning and Capital Programming at 410-865-1295, toll-free at 888-713-1414 or via email at mnixon@mdot.state.md.us. Of course, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Donald A. Halligan, Director
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

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Attachment

cc: Ms. Mary Deitz, Chief, Regional and Intermodal Planning Division, State Highway Administration
Ms. Lyn Erickson, Manager Regional Planning and Federal Liaison, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, Maryland Department of Transportation
Ms. Heather Murphy, Deputy Director, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Michael Nixon, Manger of Regional Planning, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Theo Ngongang, Regional Planner, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, Maryland Department of Transportation

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #10-15**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE TRANSPORTATION OUTLOOK 2035: CREATING A
BLUEPRINT FOR THE BALTIMORE REGION'S FUTURE AND THE
2010 – 2013 BALTIMORE REGION
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, encompassing the Baltimore Urbanized Area, and includes official representatives of the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore, the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard, the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of the Environment, and the Maryland Department of Planning; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board adopted *Transportation Outlook 2035: Creating a Blueprint for the Baltimore Region's Future*, on November 27, 2007; and

WHEREAS, procedures to amend regional transportation plans were adopted on July 27, 1995 by the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board that outline a process which includes opportunities for review and comment by the public and which maintains financial constraint and air quality conformity requirements inherent to an approved plan; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Transportation, on behalf of the State Highway Administration, has requested approval of an amendment (Attachment 1) to the *Transportation Outlook 2035: Creating a Blueprint for the Baltimore Region's Future* through the approved amendment process for the US 40 and MD 715 project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Baltimore, has requested approval of an amendment (Attachment 1) to the *Transportation Outlook 2035: Creating a Blueprint for the Baltimore Region's Future* through the approved amendment process for the New Vail Street Extension project contingent on funding availability through future federal legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region at its July 28, 2009 meeting; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations require that all transportation-related projects must be listed in the approved Transportation Improvement Program with accurate funding schedules in order to be eligible for federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Transportation, on behalf of the State Highway Administration, has requested approval of an amendment (Attachment 2) to the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation Improvement Program amendment process; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program, as amended, continues to display financial reasonableness and re-affirms the appropriate project selection criteria whereby all requirements for a Transportation Improvement Program in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users are met; and

WHEREAS, intersection improvements near Aberdeen Proving Ground are put on hold with funds being moved to interchange and lane improvements on US 40 and MD 715 ; and

WHEREAS, through a conformity determination performed by the Interagency Consultation Group, it has been determined that the US 40 Interchange Improvements at MD 715 (TIP# 65-0803-41) and the New Vail Street Extension project are not exempt from conformity, and a regional emissions analysis was needed; the new analysis has been determined; and that the addition/implementation of these projects did not worsen the region's air quality or delay the timely attainment of national ambient air quality standards or interfere with implementation of any Transportation Control Measures; and

WHEREAS, through the Interagency Consultation Group, it has been determined that the BRAC Intersections near Aberdeen Proving Grounds (TIP# 65-0804-39) continues to be exempt from the requirement to determine conformity according to the Conformity Rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93); and

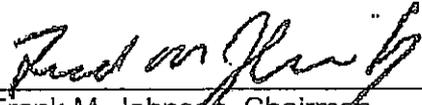
WHEREAS, the amendment process conforms to all requirements of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users; and

WHEREAS, all projects were subject to a publicized 30-day public review to allow interested stakeholders the opportunity to consider and comment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approves the amendment (Attachment 1) for the US 40 and MD 715 project and the New Vail Street Extension project to *Transportation Outlook 2035* and approves the attached amendment (Attachment 2) to the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program for the US 40 and MD 715 project for the Baltimore region and finds these to conform with the applicable Maryland State Implementation Plan and requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region approved the aforementioned resolution at its March 23, 2010 meeting.

March 23, 2010
Date



Frank M. Johnson, Chairman
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board



Martin O'Malley, Governor
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MEMORANDUM

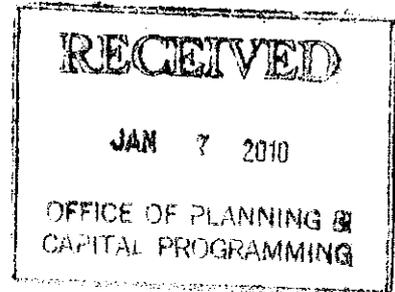
TO: Mr. Don Halligan, Director
Office of Planning and
Capital Programming

ATTN: Mr. Theo Ngongang

FROM: Mary Deitz, Chief *MD*
Regional and Intermodal Planning Division

DATE: January 6, 2010

SUBJECT: **FY 2008 and 2010 TIP Amendments**
BRAC Intersections near Aberdeen Proving Ground
US 40, Pulaski Highway – Interchange Improvements at MD 715



Attached are amendments for inclusion in the FY 2008- 2012 and FY 2010-2013 Baltimore Region Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP). At this time, we are requesting both TIPS be amended in the event the FY 2010 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which is under review by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has not yet been approved. Should FHWA approve the FY 2010 STIP prior to this TIP amendment request being executed, it will only be necessary to amend the FY 2010 TIP. The purpose of the TIP amendment request is to account for a significant change in the funding status for each of the following projects projects:

BRAC Intersections near Aberdeen Proving Grounds (TIP# 65-0804-39)

Funding has been reduced significantly due to the reallocation of \$28.9 million from this project to the US 40, Pulaski Highway project (TIP# 65-0803-46, see below). As a result of the reallocation, federal funds are no longer programmed, and thus not anticipated to be requested, in the current fiscal year or beyond. A total of \$900,000 in Federal funding (Office of Economic Adjustment) was previously requested. Preliminary Engineering will continue with State funding only.

US 40, Pulaski Highway – Interchange Improvements at MD 715 (TIP# 65-0803-46)

Funding for this project increased significantly due to the reallocation of funds described above. Preliminary Engineering is underway and on-going with State funding only. However Federal funds have been programmed for the right-of-way and construction phases and, as a result, the project has been moved from the Development and Evaluation Program to the Construction Program. The project is anticipated to be advertised in the current fiscal year. The scope of the project includes safety and operational improvements at the existing US 40 / MD 715 interchange as well as the widening of MD 715 from US 40 to Aberdeen Proving Ground. Due to the additional capacity on MD 715, and because it is now in the State's Construction Program, this project is no longer Exempt from air quality conformity testing.

Accordingly, air quality conformity testing will be required. A detailed project description is attached.

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The revised funding status of these projects will not impact scheduling or funding availability for other projects in the current TIP. The cost does not affect the portion of the federal funding which was programmed for transit or any allocations of state aid in lieu of federal aid to local jurisdictions.

After your review, please process the attached TIP amendments with the Baltimore Metropolitan Council for inclusion in the FY 2010-2013 TIP. Upon approval of the requested TIP amendment(s), please process an amendment for the applicable STIP. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Vaughn Lewis, Regional Planner, State Highway Administration (SHA), at 410-545-5673 or via email at vlewis@sha.state.md.us.

Attachments

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Ms. Barb Solberg, Assistant Division Chief, Office of Highway Design, SHA

US 40, Pulaski Highway, Interchange Improvements at MD 715
(TIP# 65-0803-46)

Detailed Project Description

This project, located in Harford County, Maryland includes improvements at the existing interchange with US 40 and MD 715, intersection improvements at MD 715 / Old Philadelphia Road and the widening of MD 715 from it's interchange with US 40 to just north of the existing gate at Aberdeen Proving Ground (approximately 1 mile).

An additional lane will be added to the northbound MD 715 off ramps to both eastbound and westbound US 40. The off ramp from eastbound US 40 to southbound MD 715 will be widened as well. In addition, this ramp will be relocated to the north to eliminate the substandard weave condition that exists on MD 715 between the ramp merge and the intersection at Old Philadelphia Road. A left hand turn movement will be added at the ramp terminal to provide access to northbound MD 715 from US 40. This will eliminate the undesirable u-turn movement that exists on eastbound US 40 today. A retaining wall will be constructed on the south side of the ramp to reduce property impacts. The bridge on MD 715 over US 40 will be widened on both sides to accommodate an additional lane in each direction.

The intersection at MD 715 and Old Philadelphia Road will be modified to include exclusive through, right and left movements on Old Philadelphia Road. Widening will be required on Old Philadelphia Road for approximately 800' in each direction.

The widening on MD 715 will include two additional lanes in each direction from just south of the bridge over US 40, through the Old Philadelphia Road intersection to Cirelli Court. From Cirelli Court to north of the existing gate at Aberdeen Proving Ground, including the bridge over Amtrak, one additional lane in each direction will be added to MD 715. The bridge over Amtrak will not be widened, but will be re-stripped to accommodate three lanes in each direction.

The work will consist of the following:

1. Widening, Grading, and Paving on US 40, MD 715 and Old Philadelphia Road.
2. Drainage improvements, including construction of ditches, installation of pipes and drainage structures, and stormwater management facilities.
3. Construction of a retaining wall at ramp 6.
4. Construction and maintenance of erosion and sediment control measures.
5. Bridge widening on MD 715 over US 40
6. Signing and pavement markings.
7. New traffic signals and signal modification.
8. Landscaping
9. Maintaining safe and continuous traffic control on US 40, MD 715 and Old Philadelphia Road, which will include a temporary detour.
10. Utility relocations on US 40, Old Philadelphia Road, and MD 715.

Total additional lane miles:

MD 715:	2.9
<u>Ramps at US 40 / MD 715:</u>	<u>1.0</u>
Total	3.9

Highway Priority Projects (HPP)

Phase	Previous Requests		Annual Element				Federal Funding Requests \$(000)				Project Totals	
	Previous Federal Funds	Previous Matching Funds	FY2010 Federal Funds	FY2010 Matching Funds	FY2011 Federal Funds	FY2011 Matching Funds	FY2012 Federal Funds	FY2012 Matching Funds	FY2013 Federal Funds	FY2013 Matching Funds		Estimated Project Total
CON					5915			2085			8000	
OTH											0	
PE											0	
PP											0	
ROW											00	
Totals					5915			2085			8000	

PE is on-going with State funds only.



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April 9, 2010

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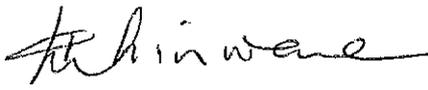
Dear Mr. Halligan:

We have completed our review of the State request (MDOT Control # 10-06) to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and FY 2010-2013 Baltimore Region Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The STIP/TIP is amended to include US 40, Pulaski Highway. The total additional cost of the project is \$40.937 million of which \$31.915 million is for construction and \$9.022 million is for Right-of-Way.

We accept this amendment and find that it was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process, in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 134, 23 U.S.C. 135 and 49.

If you have any questions, regarding this STIP/TIP amendment please contact Kwame Arhin at (410) 779.7158.

Sincerely yours,


for Nelson J. Castellanos
Division Administrator

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