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Mr. Hassan Raza
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Ms. Letitia Thompson
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RE: Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the Baltimore City Kent Street Transit Plaza and Pedestrian Corridor Project. MDOT Control # 11-10.

Dear Mr. Raza and Ms. Thompson:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) hereby amends the FY 2011 Maryland STIP to reflect a transit amendment to the FY 2011-2014 Baltimore Regional Transportation Board's (BRTB) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Attached please find supporting documentation for approval of this amendment which adds $3,016,000 in funds to construct the Baltimore City's Kent Street Transit Plaza and Pedestrian Corridor project (TIP ID # 12-1106-25) that extends from the Westport Light Rail Station to Annapolis Road. The purpose of the project is to expand bus ridership and safe access to the existing light rail system, strengthening the economically distressed community and the Westport Waterfront Project.

Of the $3,016,000 total funds added, $1,516,000 is funded in FY 2011 ($1,000,000 in FTA Section 5309 Bus Facilities Livability Initiative Program funds and $516,000 in addition local matching funds) and $1,500,000 is funded over FY 2012 and FY 2013 ($1,200,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds in addition to $300,000 in local matching funds). The table below summarized the cash flow breakouts by funding source and fiscal year.

Kent Street Transit Plaza and Pedestrian Corridor project (TIP ID # 12-1106-25)
(All programmed dollars are displayed in $1,000's)

Funding Source	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2011-2014 Total
Federal-5309	$516	$0	$0	$0	$516
Local Match	$1,000	$0	$0	$0	$1,000
Federal-CMAQ	$0	$600	$600	$0	$1,200
Local Match	$0	$150	$150	$0	$300
Total:	$1,516	$750	$750	$0	$3,016

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 me at 410-865-1295, toll-free at 888-713-1414 or via email at mnixon@mdot.state.md.us. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Nixon

Michael W. Nixon, Manager
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

Attachment

cc: Mr. Tyson Byrne, Regional Planner, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, MDOT
Ms. Lyn Erickson, Manager Federal Liaison, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, MDOT
Mr. John Gasparine, Transit Analyst, Office of Planning, MTA
Mr. Jamie Kendrick, Deputy Director, Baltimore City Department of Transportation
Ms. Heather Murphy, Deputy Director, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, MDOT
Ms. Diane Ratcliff, Director, Office of Planning, MTA

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #11-21

AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 – 2014 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, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region at its July 27, 2010 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 Transportation Improvement Program consists of projects included in, and in support of, the region's long-range transportation plan and ongoing short-range planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, Baltimore City requested approval of an amendment (see Attachment 1) to the 2011-2014 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, Efficient, Transportation Equity, Act: A Legacy for Users are met; and

WHEREAS, the Interagency Consultation Group has also determined that the Baltimore City project – Kent Street Transit Plaza and Pedestrian Corridor – is exempt from the requirement to determine conformity according to the Conformity Rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS, this project was subject to a publicized 30-day public review and a public meeting was held on March 2, 2011, to allow for comments. No comments were received on the proposed project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approves the attached amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region and finds it to conform to 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 on March 22, 2011.

March 22, 2011

Date

Emery Hines, Chairman
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program

Baltimore City **Enhancement Program**

Kent Street Transit Plaza and Pedestrian Corridor

TIP Id #	12-1106-25	**Year of Operation**	2013
Agency	Local Project	**Project Type**	Bicycle/pedestrian Facility
Project Category	Enhancement Program	**Functional Class**	N/A
Conformity Status	Exempt	**Physical Data**	
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Description	Justification
Design and construct the Kent Street Plaza and Pedestrian Corridor from the Westport Light Rail Station to Annapolis Road.	The purpose of the project is to expand bus ridership and safe access to the existing light rail system, strengthening the economically distressed community and the Westport Waterfront Project.

All programmed dollars are displayed in $1,000

Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Livability Initiative Program

	Previous Requests		Annual Element		Federal Funding Requests						Project Totals
Phase	Previous Federal Funds	Previous Matching Funds	FY 2011 Federal Funds	FY 2011 Matching Funds	FY 2012 Federal Funds	FY 2012 Matching Funds	FY 2013 Federal Funds	FY 2013 Matching Funds	FY 2014 Federal Funds	FY 2014 Matching Funds	Estimated Project Total
CON			$516	$1,000							$1,516
OTH											$0
PE											$0
PP											$0
ROW											$0
Totals	$0	$0	$516	$1,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$1,516

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Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality

	Previous Requests		Annual Element		Federal Funding Requests						Project Totals
Phase	Previous Federal Funds	Previous Matching Funds	FY 2011 Federal Funds	FY 2011 Matching Funds	FY 2012 Federal Funds	FY 2012 Matching Funds	FY 2013 Federal Funds	FY 2013 Matching Funds	FY 2014 Federal Funds	FY 2014 Matching Funds	Estimated Project Total
CON					$600	$150	$600	$150			$1,500
OTH											$0
PE											$0
PP											$0
ROW											$0
Totals	$0	$0	$0	$0	$600	$150	$600	$150	$0	$0	$1,500

Total Project Request

	Previous Requests		Annual Element		Federal Funding Requests						Project Totals
Phase	Previous Federal Funds	Previous Matching Funds	FY 2011 Federal Funds	FY 2011 Matching Funds	FY 2012 Federal Funds	FY 2012 Matching Funds	FY 2013 Federal Funds	FY 2013 Matching Funds	FY 2014 Federal Funds	FY 2014 Matching Funds	Estimated Project Total
Totals	$0	$0	$516	$1,000	$600	$150	$600	$150	$0	$0	$3,016

Estimated Total Project Cost: $3,016,000