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August 25, 2011

Mr. Gregory Murrill
Division Administrator
Attn: Mr. Kwame Arhin
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Ms. Letitia Thompson
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Attn: Ms. Gail McFadden-Roberts
Federal Transit Administration
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RE: Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to Add Programs to be Funded Through the Federal Fiscal Year 2011 Federal Highway Administration Discretionary Program/National Scenic Byways Program.
MDOT Control # 11-36.

Dear Mr. Murrill and Ms. Thompson:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) hereby amends the FY 2011 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to add the following four National Scenic Byways Program Grant Projects:

<i>-Mountain Ridge Rural Legacy Area</i>	\$485,121
<i>-Context-Sensitive Design and Management for Historic Charles Street Byway</i>	75,000
<i>-Michener's Chesapeake Country Interpretive Plan</i>	55,000
<i>-Development of a Map for Historic Charles Street in Baltimore</i>	42,400
Total	<u>\$657,521</u>

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Brief descriptions of these activities are 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 me at 410-865-1295, toll-free at 888-713-1414 or via email at mnixon@mdot.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael W. Nixon".

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

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

National Scenic Byways Program: \$657,521 for four projects

\$485,121 for the *Mountain Ridge Rural Legacy Area*

This project will help implement the part of National Road corridor management plan that emphasizes the protection of high priority resources. Specifically, this grant will help finance the acquisition of a 277-acre conservation easement on a very important scenic and natural resource property and help implement additional resource protection along the corridor as part of Maryland's Rural Legacy Program.

\$75,000 for *Context-Sensitive Design and Management Guidelines for the Historic Charles Street Byway*

The project will lead to the creation of context-sensitive design guidelines to guide both Baltimore City and Baltimore County in maintaining the intrinsic historic and scenic qualities of the byway corridor. The guidelines will also address the unique challenges presented by the density of the corridor's urban fabric.

\$55,000 for *Michener's Chesapeake Country Interpretive Plan*

Funding will assist in the development of a detailed interpretive plan for Michener's Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway. The interpretive plan will collect and organize local stories related to Michener's Chesapeake themes and the most appropriate ways to communicate those stories to the targeted audience - helping heritage travelers to better understand life on the Chesapeake Bay.

\$42,400 for the Development of a Map for *Historic Charles Street in Baltimore*

Funding will be used for development of a user-friendly map that is part of a larger project to provide safety and visitor orientation enhancements for the Charles Street National Scenic Byway in Mount Vernon, Baltimore City.



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Dear Mr. Halligan:

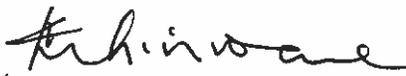
We have completed our review of the State request (MDOT Control # 11-36) to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Specifically, the STIP is being amended to add the following projects:

- Mountain Ridge Rural Legacy Area \$485,121
- Context-Sensitive Design & Management \$75,000
- Michener's Chesapeake Country Interpretive Plan \$55,000
- Development of a Map for Historic Charles Street in Baltimore \$42,000

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 Gregory Murrill
Division Administrator

cc:

Heather Murphy, SHA
Mike Nixon, MDOT
Jeanette Mar