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January 26, 2012

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Ms. Brigid Hynes-Cherin  
Regional Administrator  
Attn: Ms. Michele Destra  
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Ms. Gail McFadden-Roberts  
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RE: Amendment to the to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the FY 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as amended to include the Maryland portion, for the Wilmington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). MDOT Control #64

Dear Mr. Murrill and Ms. Hynes-Cherin:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) hereby amends the FY 2011 Maryland Statewide Transportation improvement Plan (STIP) to include the FY 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as amended to include the Maryland/Cecil County portion, for the Wilmington Area MPO. The TIP was approved by WILMAPCO on January 12, 2012, as shown in the attached resolutions. A copy of the TIP document can be found at this link: <http://wilmaco.org/Tip/fy2012/6.FY2012-15TIP-Cecil%20Projects-Jan2012Amendments.pdf>

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](mailto:mnixon@mdot.state.md.us). Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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

cc: Mr. Tyson Byrne, Regional Planner, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, MDOT  
Ms. Mary Deitz, Chief, Regional and Intermodal Planning Division, State Highway Administration  
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## RESOLUTION BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO)

### AMENDING THE FY2012-FY2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CECIL COUNTY ELEMENT

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) has been designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Cecil County, Maryland and New Castle County, Delaware by the Governors of Maryland and Delaware, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Regulations of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Metropolitan Planning Requirements, require that, in air quality non-attainment areas, the MPO, in cooperation with participants in the planning process, develop and, at least every four years, updates the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

**WHEREAS**, the WILMAPCO TIP format incorporates a four-year period for the listing of priority projects to be implemented, as well as a list of program development projects; and

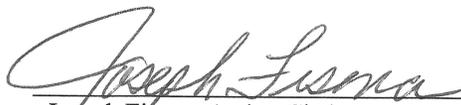
**WHEREAS**, the FY2012-2015 TIP has undergone appropriate community and technical reviews; and

**WHEREAS**, the TIP must be determined to be air quality conforming in accordance with SAFETEA-LU and Clean Air Act and Amendments (CAAA) of 1990 requirements; and;

**WHEREAS**, the FY2012-2015 TIP have been found to be financially constrained, as directed by 23 CFR 450.324 (e), and consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wilmington Area Planning Council does hereby amend the FY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program to include the updated funding amounts for projects in Cecil County.

January 12, 2012  
Date:

  
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Joseph Fisona, Acting Chairperson  
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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wilmington Area Planning Council does hereby amend the FY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program to include the replacement of Bridge CE0097 Baron Road over CSX.

January 12, 2012  
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Joseph Fisona, Acting Chairperson  
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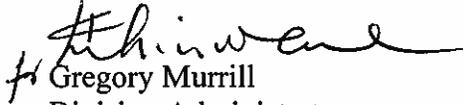
Dear Mr. Halligan:

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Therefore, based on the above, and in accordance with 23 CFR450.326, the FY 2011 STIP is hereby amended to include all Cecil County projects in FY 2012-201 TIP for the Wilmington Area Planning Council.

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

Sincerely yours,

  
Gregory Murrill  
Division Administrator

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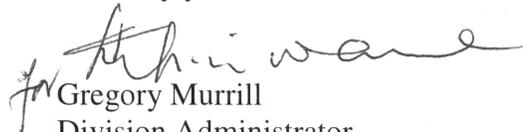
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Re: Amendment to the FY 2011 State Transportation Improvement Program,  
Wilmington Metropolitan Area Amendment MDOT Control #11-64

Dear Mr. Halligan:

In a letter dated January 26, 2012, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requested approval of an amendment to the FY 2011 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This STIP amendment includes the updated funding amounts for projects in the Cecil County, Maryland portion of the Wilmington metropolitan area.

Since the advancement of these projects does not alter any conformity findings nor interfere with any State Implementation Plan projects, a joint Federal Transit Administration (FTA)/Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval of this STIP amendment is not required. In accordance with your procedures to incorporate the MTIPs into the STIP by reference, these projects are part of an approved amendment to the approved FY 2011 STIP. We hereby approve the inclusion of all transit projects contained in the Cecil County portion of the Wilmington Area Planning Council 2012 -2015 Transportation Improvement Program except the Job Access Reverse Commute project. MDOT can request approval of an amendment to include this project when the MPO finalizes Federal funding source and amount decisions for this project. All other transit projects are approved as an amendment to the STIP. This approval does not constitute an obligation of federal funds. FTA finalizes federal funding for projects included in the STIP upon approval of a grant application.

Gail McFadden-Roberts of my staff is available if you have any questions concerning this approval.

Sincerely,

Michele Destra, Director  
Office of Planning and Program Development

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