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July 3, 2012

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Ms. Brigid Haynes-Cherin  
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RE: Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to Add Preliminary Engineering Funding for the US 301/MD 304 Interchange Project in Queen Anne's County.  
MDOT Control # 11-97.

Dear Mr. Murrill and Ms. Haynes-Cherin:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) hereby amends the FY 2011 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to add preliminary engineering funding for the US 301/ MD 304 interchange project in Queen Anne's County. The construction of an interchange at this location has been documented by the County in their priority letter as their highest priority. A STIP Amendment form and a list of the County's transportation priorities 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](mailto:mnixon@mdot.state.md.us). Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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

Attachments

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mr. Ian Beam  
Regional Planner  
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

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

DATE: June 13, 2012

SUBJECT: Amendment to the FY 2011 STIP



The Regional and Intermodal Planning Division (RIPD) submits the following amendments to the FY 2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The funding has become available due to changes in the Federal obligation.

- Add \$7.8 million, spread between FY 13-15, in design funding to complete the design phase of the US 301 and MD 304 interchange project.

The project STIP forms are attached for your use. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Eric Beckett, Regional Planner for the Eastern Shore, SHA if you have any questions. He can be reached at 410-545-5666 or via email at [ebeckett@sha.state.md.us](mailto:ebeckett@sha.state.md.us).

Attachment

cc: Mr. Eric Beckett, Regional Planner, SHA  
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# MARYLAND STATEWIDE TIP F.Y. 2011-2015

MDOT STIP # QA2651

## SUMMARY TABLE

Project	Amendment Criteria (A/B/C/D)	Conformity Status	Environmental Status	Current Funding Level			Net Change		
				Federal	State	Total	Federal	State	Total
	B			988.0	247.0	1,235.0	6,240.0	1,560.0	7,800.0
MD 301 at MD 304	Administration SHA	Area/MPO	CTP Page (with year, ex. H-22 FY2010) SHA-QA-3-FY2010						
Description: Construct a grade-separated interchange at the intersection of US 301 and MD 304.									
Justification: The existing at-grade intersection creates a conflict point on US 301, a high-speed arterial. This project will improve safety and access controls on US 301.									

## INDIVIDUAL REQUEST FORM

STIP/TIP Amendment Criteria	Funding	Previous	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> A Adds new individual projects to the current STIP/TIP.	Current	Total	1,235	-	-	-	-	1,235
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B Increase/decrease, scope change, advance, delay, or phase change.	Federal	988	-	-	-	-	-	988
<input type="checkbox"/> C Removes or deletes individual listed project from the STIP/TIP.	State	247	-	-	-	-	-	247
<input type="checkbox"/> D Other:	Total	1,235	-	-	3,300	2,500	2,000	9,035
	Proposed	Federal	988	-	-	2,540	1,900	7,228
	State	247	-	-	-	760	600	1,807
	Total	-	-	-	3,300	2,500	2,000	7,800
Net Change	Federal	-	-	-	2,540	1,900	1,800	6,240
State	-	-	-	-	760	600	200	1,560

## PHASE DETAIL (All dollars are displayed in \$1,000's)

Current PHASE	Previous		FY2011		FY2012		FY2013		FY2014		FY2015		TOTAL		
	Federal	State	Federal	State	Federal	State	Federal	State	Federal	State	Federal	State	Federal	State	Total
PP	878	219											878	219	1,097
PE	110	28											110	28	138
ROW													-	-	-
CON													-	-	-
OTH													-	-	-
TOTAL	988	247											988	247	1,235
Source: NHS Fed%: 80% State%: 20%															

Proposed PHASE	Previous		FY2011		FY2012		FY2013		FY2014		FY2015		TOTAL		
	Federal	State	Federal	State	Federal	State	Federal	State	Federal	State	Federal	State	Federal	State	Total
PP	878	219											878	219	1,097
PE	110	28					2,540	760	1,900	600	1,800	200	6,350	1,588	7,938
ROW													-	-	-
CON													-	-	-
OTH													-	-	-
TOTAL	988	247					2,540	760	1,900	600	1,800	200	7,228	1,807	9,035
Source: NHS Fed%: 80% State%: 20%															

Change PHASE	Previous		FY2011		FY2012		FY2013		FY2014		FY2015		TOTAL		
	Federal	State	Federal	State	Federal	State	Federal	State	Federal	State	Federal	State	Federal	State	Total
PP	-	-											-	-	-
PE	-	-					2,540	760	1,900	600	1,800	200	6,240	1,560	7,800
ROW	-	-											-	-	-
CON	-	-											-	-	-
OTH	-	-											-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-					2,540	760	1,900	600	1,800	200	6,240	1,560	7,800
Source: NHS Fed%: 80% State%: 20%															

## Maryland Department of Transportation - Annual Tour 2007 Project Priorities for Queen Anne's County

### Overview

This document serves to summarize the Transportation projects that are of priority importance to Queen Anne's County. The County continues to stress "**safety and convenience for our local citizens**" as the major driving factor towards setting transportation priorities. In addition, this outline identifies all of the major projects that are currently included in the 2006 Highway Needs Inventory and the Consolidated Transportation Program as prepared by the Maryland Department of Transportation.

### I. Highways

#### A. US 301 & MD 304 Interchange

##### Description

A full movement *interchange* is needed to provide safety improvements to this congested and high-speed at-grade crossing. The project is in the HNI as a part of the US 301 corridor and has been allocated project planning and design funding. ***The project remains ranked as the highest local priority to Queen Anne's County citizens.***

This current at-grade intersection is utilized daily by school busses, public safety dispatchers, EMS providers from the local Department of Emergency Services, and State Highway and County Public Works Maintenance personnel. It also is the central fueling station site for Transit Busses, Police vehicles, and other Departmental fleets. This traffic is mixed with an increasing volume of trucks on US 301 and a truck stop situated at the southeast quadrant of this at-grade intersection. These conditions continue to increase congestion and compromise safety.

##### Project Specific Concerns

- 1) Full construction funding for the selected interchange concept option is requested as part of this year's CTP.
- 2) This interchange will also allow for closure of the adjacent at-grade cross over at US 301 & Rolling Bridge Road converting it to a right-idright-out intersection.
- 3) Consideration for the inclusion of service roads north to MD 305 in order to permanently close this adjacent at-grade crossing should be evaluated.
- 4) The project design should include a pedestrian access/mobility.

#### B. US 50 Ocean Gateway

##### Description

This is a multi-phased project to widen existing US 50 from US 301 (at the US 50/301 split in Queenstown) to MD 404 from four to six lanes. In addition, the project includes

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**Consolidated Transportation Program 2009-20014**

The County emphasizes that "*safety for our citizens*" is the driving factor towards the establishment of our local transportation priorities.

- **US 301 & MD 304 Interchange – complete design and fund for construction.**
- US 50/301 & MD 213 Interchange – This project is the number one component of the long-range US 50 Ocean Gateway project. Complete final design and fund for construction.
- US 50 Ocean Gateway Safety & Capacity Improvements – Continue planning, design and construction of interim improvements along this corridor. Specifically, a new signal at Carmichael Road with geometric improvements and service road connections.
- Cox Creek Connector & Dundee Overpass – This is a needed project to provide both safety improvements and to allow for necessary highway system alternatives for local and emergency traffic mobility. Funding for planning and design is requested. Special funding sources should also be considered to address this growing concern (refer to attached letter to Secretary Porcari seeking special consideration along this corridor).
- Stevensville Streetscape – fund for construction.
- Kent Island Transit – Maintain the six new commuter bus lines and routes.
- MD 213 at Fey Road – Continue planning and design for safety and capacity improvements.
- Chesapeake Bay Bridge - Develop an implementable plan for safety/preservation and capacity improvements. This must identify both immediate and long-range plans/activities to safely and effectively move traffic to and from the west.

An independent comprehensive inspection of the bridge using the latest technology should be initiated immediately to preserve safety and maintain the current structures.

The study and evaluation of a third Bay crossing and commencement of the NEPA process is needed to evaluate future capacity requirements.



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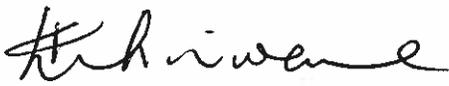
Dear Mr. Halligan:

We have completed our review of the State request (MDOT Control # 11-97) to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Specifically, the STIP is being amended to add Preliminary engineering funding for the US 301/MD 304 Interchange project in Queen Anne's County.

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