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Re: Amendment to the FY 2011 State Transportation Improvement Program,
Cumberland Metropolitan Area Amendment MDOT Control #11-55

Dear Mr. Halligan:

In a letter dated December 15, 2011, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requested approval of an amendment to the FY 2011 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This amendment replaces the 2011 – 2014 Cumberland Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), incorporated by reference in the 2011 Maryland STIP, with the 2012 – 2015 Transportation Improvement Program for the Cumberland region.

Since the advancement of these projects do 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 this TIP 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,

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