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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,

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