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Mr. Michael Nixon
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Re: Amendment to the FY 2011 State Transportation Improvement Program,
Washington Metropolitan Area Amendment MDOT Control #11-70

Dear Mr. Nixon:

In a letter dated March 2, 2012, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requested approval of an amendment to the FY 2011 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This STIP amendment adds funding to purchase replacement vehicles for the Ride On Bus System located in Montgomery County.

Since the advancement of this project 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, this project is part of an approved amendment to the approved FY 2011 STIP. We hereby approve the inclusion of this project 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,

Reginald Lovelace, Acting Director
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cc: Lyn Erickson, MDOT, Office of Planning & Capital Programming
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