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Mr. Michael W. Nixon
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Re: Amendment to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program,
Baltimore Region Metropolitan Planning Area, MDOT control #11-86

Dear Mr. Nixon:

In a letter dated June 7, 2012, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requested approval of an amendment to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This STIP amendment adds Section 5307 funds for bus and rail preventive maintenance activities in the Baltimore metropolitan area.

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 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

Reginald Lovelace, Acting Director
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