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**Re: Amendments to the FY 2013 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement
Program, MDOT Control #13-123, 13-124, and 13-126**

Dear Mr. Nixon:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requested approval of various Amendments to the FY 2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) (Control#13-123, 124, and 126 dated January 30, 2014 and February 12, 2014). The Amendments add various capital projects for Washington County Transit, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County, as well as operating assistance for Washington County Transit. Additionally, the MARC Maintenance and Layover Facility is being added within the Wilmington Area Planning Council MPO TIP. This project was previously listed in the Baltimore TIP, as it was originally planned for Harford County.

These projects do not alter any conformity findings nor interfere with any State Implementation Plan projects. Per agreement, a joint Federal Transit Administration (FTA)/Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval of these STIP Amendments are not required. In accordance with your procedures to incorporate the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Programs (MTIPs) into the STIP by reference, these projects are part of an approved amendment to the approved FY 2013 STIP. FTA hereby approves the continuation of these projects as Amendments 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.

Ms. Kathleen Zubrzycki, Community Planner, of my staff, is available at (215) 656-7262 if you have questions concerning this approval.

Sincerely,

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