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February 12, 2014

Mr. Gregory Murrill
Division Administrator
Attn: Dr. Kwame Arhin
Federal Highway Administration
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Baltimore MD 21201

Ms. Brigid Hynes-Cherin
Regional Administrator
Attn: Ms. Kathleen Zubrzycki
Federal Transit Administration
1760 Market Street Suite 500
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RE: Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to Reflect an Amendment to the FY 2014 Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add Funding for the MARC Maintenance and Layover Facility in Cecil County. MDOT Control #13-126

Dear Mr. Murrill and Ms. Hynes-Cherin:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) hereby amends the FY 2013 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to reflect an amendment to the FY 2014 WILMAPCO Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment which was approved by the WILMAPCO Council on January 9, 2014 programs FTA Section 5337 funding for preliminary engineering and environmental documentation for the MARC Maintenance and Layover Facility. An approved resolution and supporting documentation is attached.

The Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program continues to be fiscally constrained. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-865-1295, toll-free at 888-713-1414 or via email at mnixon@mdot.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Nixon

Michael W. Nixon, Manager
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

Attachments

cc: Ms. Lyn Erickson, Manager Regional Planning and Federal Liaison, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, Maryland Department of Transportation
Ms. Heather Murphy, Deputy Director, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Ian Beam, Regional Planner, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, Maryland Department of Transportation
Ms. Diane Ratcliff, Director, Office of Planning, Maryland Transit Administration

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OFFICE OF PLANNING & CAPITAL PROGRAMMING

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Don Halligan, Director
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

ATTN: Mr. Mike Nixon

FROM: Ms. Diane Ratcliff, Director
MTA Office of Planning

DATE: November 13, 2013

SUBJECT: Amendment to the WILMAPCO FY 2014 TIP
To add MARC Maintenance and Layover Facility Project

We are requesting an amendment to the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) FY 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the MARC Maintenance and Layover Facility Project to Cecil County; funding is for Planning and Right of Way phases only. This project was previously listed in the Baltimore TIP as it was originally planned for Harford County.

After your review, please process the requested amendment with WILMAPCO for inclusion in the FY 2014-2017 TIP. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. John Gasparine, STV Consultant, MTA Office of Planning at (410) 767-3760 or via email at jgasparine@mta.maryland.gov, or Mrs. Terri Lippa @ (410)-767-3759 or via email at Tlippa@mta.maryland.gov.

cc: Mr. Ian Beam, Regional Planner, Office of Planning, MDOT

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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SUBMISSION/AMENDMENT FORM

This form must be completed and all questions must be answered in order to process this request.

Date of Submission: _____

TIP to be Amended: 2014 - 2017

Sponsoring Agency: MDOT/MTA

Project Name: MARC Maintenance and Layover Facility

Project Category: Commuter Rail

Project Description: Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Documentation for a new MARC Maintenance and Layover facility in Cecil County. The new facility will support existing and expanded Penn Line operations at an MTA-controlled facility, enabling transfer of maintenance and layover of locomotives and rolling stock from Amtrak facilities in Baltimore and Washington. The first phase will be the construction of a storage facility.

Project Justification: This project enables the MTA to more efficiently maintain MARC vehicles, and thus deliver better service on the MARC system.

Funding: Federal 80% State 20% Local 0 % Total 100%

Funding	Phase	FY 2014 Federal	FY 2014 State	FY 2014 Local			Total
Section 5337		$1,065	$266				$1,331
Total		$1,065	$266				$1,331

Funding	Phase	FY 2015 Federal	FY 2015 State	FY 2015 Local			Total
Section 5337		$1,364	$341				$1,705
Total		$1,364	$341				$1,705

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RESOLUTION
BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO)

AMENDING THE FY2014-17 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, CECIL COUNTY ELEMENT

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) has been designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Cecil County, Maryland and New Castle County, Delaware by the Governors of Maryland and Delaware, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Regulations of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), Metropolitan Planning Requirements, require that, in air quality non-attainment areas, the MPO, in cooperation with participants in the planning process, develop and, at least every four years, updates the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, the WILMAPCO TIP format incorporates a four-year period for the listing of priority projects to be implemented, as well as a list of program development projects; and

WHEREAS, the amendment to the FY 2014-17 TIP has undergone appropriate community and technical reviews; and

WHEREAS, the amendment to the TIP has been determined to be air quality conforming in accordance with MAP-21 and Clean Air Act and Amendments (CAAA) of 1990 requirements; and;

WHEREAS, the amendment to the FY 2014-17 TIP have been found to be financially constrained, as directed by 23 CFR 450.324 (e), and consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council does hereby amend the FY 2014-17 Transportation Improvement Program to include funding for the MARC Maintenance and Layover Facility.

January 9, 2014
Date:

Joseph Fisona
Joseph Fisona, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council