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Mr. Michael Nixon
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Re: Amendment to the FY 2013 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program,
MDOT Control #13-28-B

Dear Mr. Nixon:

In a letter dated December 13, 2012 the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requested approval of an amendment to the FY 2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This STIP amendment adds funds for preliminary engineering on the Red Line project in Baltimore.

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 2013 STIP. The FTA hereby approves the inclusion of this project as an amendment to the STIP. This approval does not constitute an obligation of federal funds. The FTA finalizes Federal funding for projects included in the STIP upon approval of a grant application.

Gail McFadden-Roberts, Community Planner, of my staff is available at (215) 656-7121 if you have questions concerning this approval.

Sincerely,

Vida Morkunas, Director
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