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Re: Amendment to the FY 2013 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program,  
MDOT Control #13-44

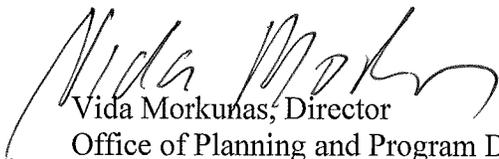
Dear Mr. Nixon:

In a letter, dated February 7, 2013, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requested approval of an Amendment to the FY 2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This STIP Amendment adds the bus and rail preventive maintenance project, increases funding for small urban assistance projects, and adjusts funding for the bus replacement, mobility bus implementation and metro rail overhaul projects.

Since the advancement of these projects 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, these projects are part of an approved amendment to the approved FY 2013 STIP. FTA hereby approves the inclusion of these projects 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.

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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