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January 7, 2011

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Ms. Letitia Thompson
Regional Administrator
Attn: Ms. Michele Destra
Mr. Timothy Lidiak
Ms. Gail McFadden-Roberts
Federal Transit Administration
1760 Market Street. Suite 500
Philadelphia PA 19103

RE: Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to include FTA Section 5309 and Bus Facilities funds into the Howard Street Revitalization project. MDOT Control # 11-01.

Dear Mr. Castellanos and Ms. Thompson:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) hereby amends the FY 2011 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to reflect a transit amendment to the FY 2011-2014 Baltimore Region Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendment is for the addition of $325,000 ($260,000 in Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities funds and $65,000 in State matching funds) to the existing Howard Street Revitalization project. The additional $325,000 will be used for the demolition of existing worn out shelters and construction of eight (8) replacement bus shelters and three (3) light rail shelters along Howard Street, in Baltimore City. The amendment was approved by the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) on December 21, 2010. The revised total cost of the Howard Street Revitalization project with these new funds added is $2,582,000. This information is also summarized below:

Project Name	STIP #	TIP #	Additional Funds under this Amendment	Revised Total Cost (Existing funds + new funds under this amendment)
Howard Street Revitalization	42-1004-39	42-1004-39	Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Program $260,000 Federal (80%) $65,000 State (20%)	$2,582,000

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. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Nixon

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

Attachment

cc: Ms. Lyn Erickson, Manager Federal Liaison, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, MDOT
Mr. John Gasparine, Transit Analyst, Office of Planning, MTA
Ms. Heather Murphy, Deputy Director, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, MDOT
Ms. Diane Ratcliff, Director, Office of Planning, MTA

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Mr. Don Halligan, Director
Office of Planning and Capital Programming
ATTENTION: Jamie Lake
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Dear Mr. Halligan:

The Maryland Department of Transportation has requested an Amendment, as attached, to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendment reflects additional funding of FY 2011 Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities for an existing project. These changes were sought in consultation with the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA).

In order to meet the intent of SAFETEA-LU and the requirements of the Metropolitan Planning Regulations, documentation has been submitted by the requesting agency. On behalf of the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) determined that the Howard Street Revitalization project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis under the Conformity Rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93).

The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) provided a 30-day review and comment period and held a public meeting for interested parties. The project was discussed at the December meetings of the Technical Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee prior to BRTB consideration. Six minor comments on the project were received and forwarded to the MTA.

Approval of this Amendment to the Baltimore Region FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program was given by the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board on December 21, 2010.

The enclosed chart summarizes the conformity determination status, while the attached letter documents justification of prioritization, flexible funding and financial reasonableness for this project. If you have any questions, please contact Regina Aris at 410-732-9572.

Sincerely,

RA for Todd Lang

Todd R. Lang, Director
Transportation Planning Division

Enclosures

cc: BRTB Members
Diane Ratcliff, MTA
John Gasparine, MTA
Tawanda Carter, MTA

Summary of TIP Amendments
2011-2014 TIP

Project Name	Reason For Amendment	Requesting Agency	Project Description	Conformity Status	Date Approved	Resolution
Howard Street Revitalization (42-1004-39)	FY 2011 Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Funds have become available to apply toward this project.	MDOT-MTA	A total of eight bus shelters will be replaced: seven on Howard Street from MLK Boulevard to the 1st Mariner Arena, and the last on Baltimore Street just east of Howard Street. Three unique light rail shelters will also be replaced along Howard Street.	Exempt	12/21/2010	#11-14

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #11-14

AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 – 2014 BALTIMORE REGION TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, encompassing the Baltimore Urbanized Area, and includes official representatives of the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore, the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard, the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of the Environment, and the Maryland Department of Planning; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region at its July 28, 2009 meeting; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations require that all transportation-related projects must be listed in the approved Transportation Improvement Program with accurate funding schedules in order to be eligible for federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Transportation, on behalf of the Maryland Transit Administration, has requested approval of an amendment (Attachment 1) to the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation Improvement Program amendment process; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program, as amended, continues to display financial reasonableness and re-affirms the appropriate project selection criteria whereby all requirements for a Transportation Improvement Program in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity, Act: A Legacy for Users are met; and

WHEREAS, through a conformity determination performed by the Interagency Consultation Group, it has been determined that the Howard Street Revitalization project is deemed exempt from the requirement to determine conformity according to the Conformity Rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS, this project was subject to a publicized 30-day public review to allow interested stakeholders the opportunity to consider and comment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approves the attached amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region and finds it to conform with the applicable Maryland State Implementation Plan and requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region approved the aforementioned resolution at its December 21, 2010 meeting.

December 21, 2010

Date

Emery Hines, Chairman
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

Resolution #11-14 (adds $325,000 in 5309 Bus program funds with match)
Page 1 & 2 of this attachment reflect the inclusion of new funds, changes are shown in red. For informational purposes, pages 3 and 4 are provided. Page 3 shows the original TIP project and page 4 shows an earlier amendment.

2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program

MTA - Transit

Environmental/Safety

Howard Street Revitalization

TIP Id #	**42-1004-39**	Year of Operation	**2013**
Agency	**MTA - Transit**	Project Type	**Other - Safety**
Project Category	**Environmental/Safety**	Functional Class	**NA**
Conformity Status	**Exempt**	Physical Data	**NA**
CIP/CTP Page#	**NA**		

Description	Justification
This project is part of the main Howard Street Revitalization project partnered between MTA, Baltimore City and the Baltimore Development Corporation. It will relocate South Bound LRT Station, north from Fayette to Lexington Street; remove and replace the four arch structures along Howard Street; provide a pedestrian canopy along Lexington Mall from the Metro Station to the relocated LRT station. Preliminary design work has begun. Break out from 40-0015-64 and related to 12-0716-99. A total of eight bus shelters will be replaced: seven on Howard Street from MLK Boulevard to the 1st Mariner Arena, and the last on Baltimore Street just east of Howard Street. Three unique light rail shelters will also be replaced along Howard Street.	Efforts will aid in the revitalization of the Howard Street corridor and enhance pedestrian safety.

Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program (funding for capital projects)

	Previous Requests		Annual Element		Federal Funding Requests						Project Totals
Phase	Previous Federal Funds	Previous Matching Funds	FY 2011 Federal Funds	FY 2011 Matching Funds	FY 2012 Federal Funds	FY 2012 Matching Funds	FY 2013 Federal Funds	FY 2013 Matching Funds	FY 2014 Federal Funds	FY 2014 Matching Funds	Estimated Project Total
CON	$290	$73	$918	$230							$1,511
OTH											$0
PE	$597	$149									$746
PP											$0
ROW											$0
Totals	$887	$222	$918	$230	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$2,257

Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Program (funding for capital projects)

	Previous Requests		Annual Element		Federal Funding Requests						Project Totals
Phase	Previous Federal Funds	Previous Matching Funds	FY 2011 Federal Funds	FY 2011 Matching Funds	FY 2012 Federal Funds	FY 2012 Matching Funds	FY 2013 Federal Funds	FY 2013 Matching Funds	FY 2014 Federal Funds	FY 2014 Matching Funds	Estimated Project Total
CON			$260	$65							$325
OTH											$0
PE											$0
PP											$0
ROW											$0
Totals	$0	$0	$260	$65	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$325

Original 2010 - 2013 Transportation Improvement Program

2010 - 2013 Transportation Improvement Program

MTA – Transit **Environmental/Safety**

Howard Street Revitalization

TIP Id #	42-1004-39	**Year of Operation**	2013
Agency	MTA - Transit	**Project Type**	Other
Project Category	Environmental/Safety	**Functional Class**	NA
Conformity Status	Exempt	**Physical Data**	NA
STIP Reference #	NA		

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Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program (funding for capital projects)

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CON			$192	$48	$738	$185					$1,163
OTH											$0
PE	$403	$101									$504
PP											$0
ROW											$0
Totals	$403	$101	$192	$48	$738	$185	$0	$0	$0	$0	$1,667

Resolution #10-14 1/26/2010

2010 - 2013 Transportation Improvement Program

MTA - Transit

Environmental/Safety

Howard Street Revitalization

TIP Id #	**42-1004-39**	Year of Operation	**2013**
Agency	**MTA - Transit**	Project Type	**Other - Safety**
Project Category	**Environmental/Safety**	Functional Class	**NA**
Conformity Status	**Exempt**	Physical Data	**NA**
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November 12, 2010

Mr. Todd R. Lang, Director
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Baltimore, Maryland 21230

RE: **Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2014 Baltimore Region Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reflect the award of Section 5309 funds for the Howard Street Revitalization Project**

Dear Mr. Lang:

The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) is requesting an amendment to the FY 2011-2014 Baltimore Region TIP to reflect the FY 2011 federal funding award of $260,000 in Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Funds for the Howard Street Revitalization Project. We are requesting that you take appropriate action to amend the Baltimore Region Fiscal Year 2011-2014 TIP to reflect those changes. A TIP form, MTA request memorandum and explanation of this action are attached. As a transit system preservation project that is not adding capacity, this project is exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at 410-865-1295 or via email at mnixon@mdot.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Jamie A Lake

for: Mr. Michael W. Nixon, Manager, Regional Planning
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

Attachments
cc: Mr. Jamie M. Lake, Regional Planner, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, Maryland Department of Transportation

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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: October 28, 2010

SUBJECT: Amendment to FY 2011 TIP
To amend the Howard Street Revitalization project with $260,000 of FFY 2010 Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities money.

We are requesting an amendment to the Baltimore Region FY 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to amend the Howard Street Revitalization project in the Baltimore Region. We are requesting the TIP amendment to reflect the award of $260,000 in FFY 2010 Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Funds.

These funds were awarded to the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) for the demolition of existing worn out shelters and replacement of light rail and bus shelters in the busiest transit corridor in Baltimore City, located along Howard Street.

After your review, please process the requested amendment with the Baltimore Metropolitan Council for inclusion in the FY 2011-2014 TIP. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. John Gasparine, MTA Transit Analyst at (410) 767-3760 or via email at jgasparine@mta.maryland.gov.

cc: Mr. John Gasparine, Transit Analyst, Office of Planning, MTA
Mr. Robert Schleigh, Deputy Director, Office of Planning, MTA
Ms. Tawanda Carter, Manager, Capital Programming, MTA
Mr. Stephen Silva, Assistant Deputy Administrator/Chief Engineer, MTA

Howard Street Revitalization

TIP Id #	42-1004-39	**Year of Operation**	2013
Agency	MTA - Transit	**Project Type**	Other
Project Category	Environmental/Safety	**Functional Class**	NA
Conformity Status	Exempt	**Physical Data**	NA
CIP/CTP Page#	1207		

Description	Justification
This project is part of the main Howard Street Revitalization project partnered between MTA, Baltimore City and Baltimore Development Corporation. It will relocate the southbound LRT Station, north from Fayette to Lexington Street; remove and replace the four arch structures along Howard Street; provide a pedestrian canopy along Lexington Mall from the Metro Station to relocated LRT station. Preliminary design work has begun. Break-out from 40-0015-64 and related to 12-0716-99.	Efforts will aid in revitalization of the Howard Street corridor and enhance pedestrian safety.

light rail and bus shelters

Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program (funding for capital projects)

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SECTION 5309 BUS AND BUS FACILITIES PROGRAM

	Fy 2011 FEDERAL FUNDS	Fy 2011 MATCHING FUNDS
CON	$260	$65
OTH		
PE		
PP		
ROW		
TOTALS		

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Re: Amendment to the FY 2011 State Transportation Improvement Program,
Baltimore Metropolitan Area Amendment MDOT Control #11-01

Dear Mr. Halligan:

In a letter dated January 7, 2011, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requested approval of an amendment to the FY 2011 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This STIP amendment adds $260,000 in Section 5309 funds for the Howard Street Revitalization project in Baltimore City. This project was selected for funding under the Bus and Bus Livability initiative.

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 2011 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,

Michele Destra

Michele Destra, Director
Office of Planning and Program Development

cc: Lyn Erickson, MDOT, Office of Planning & Capital Programming
Heather Murphy, MDOT, Office of Planning & Capital Programming
Diane Ratcliff, MTA, Office of Planning
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