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Mr. Donald A. Halligan
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Re: Amendment to the FY 2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program,
MDOT Control #11-43

Dear Mr. Halligan:

In a letter dated October 5, 2011, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requested approval of an amendment to the FY 2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This STIP amendment reduces Section 5307, Section 5309 New Starts, Section 5309 Fixed Guideway, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds programmed for the MARC Coaches – Overhaul and Replacement project. This STIP amendment reallocates the funds previously programmed for the MARC Coaches – Overhaul and Replacement project to the MARC Growth and Investment Plan.

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 2011 STIP. We hereby approve 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.

Gail McFadden-Roberts, of my staff, is available if you have any questions concerning this approval.

Sincerely,


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