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December 30, 2014

Mr. Gregory Murrill  
Division Administrator  
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Federal Highway Administration  
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Mr. Reginald B. Lovelace  
Deputy Administrator  
Attn: Ms. Kathleen Zubrzycki  
Federal Transit Administration  
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RE: Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to Reflect an Amendment to the FY 2015 Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) Transportation Improvement Program to Increase Funding for the MARC Maintenance and Layover Facility in Cecil County  
MDOT Control #14-35

Dear Mr. Murrill and Mr. Lovelace:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) hereby amends the FY 2014 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to reflect an amendment to the WILMAPCO FY 2015 Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment provides for the addition of FTA Section 5337 funding for the MARC Maintenance and Layover Facility Project. The amendment which was approved by the WILMAPCO Council on November 13, 2014 will increase the Preliminary Engineering phase for the project for FY 2015 from \$1,705,000 to \$3,241,000. The Council 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](mailto:mnixon@mdot.state.md.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael W. Nixon".

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

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Gregory Murrill  
Ms. Reginald B. Lovelace  
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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  
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Mr. Ian Beam, Regional Planner, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, Maryland  
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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**ATTN:** Mr. Mike Nixon

**FROM:** Ms. Kellie Gaver, Acting Director  
MTA Office of Planning

**DATE:** September 03, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to the WILMAPCO FY 2015-2018 TIP  
To add Funding to the MARC Maintenance and Layover Facility

We are requesting an amendment to the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) FY 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add Section 5337 funding to the MARC Maintenance & Layover Facility, project #1208. It is necessary that funding for this project be shown in the TIP to allow pending grant funding to be processed with FTA.

After your review, please process the requested amendment with WILMAPCO for inclusion in the FY 2015-2018 TIP. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Terri Lippa, MTA Office of Planning, at 410-767-3759 or via email at [Tlippa@mta.maryland.gov](mailto: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: 2015 - 2018 \_\_\_\_\_

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 2015 Federal	FY 2015 State	FY 2015 Local			Total
Section 5337		\$2,593	\$648	\$0			\$3,241
<b>Total</b>		\$2,593	\$648	\$0			\$3,241

**FY 2015 – 2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**MARC MAINTENANCE FACILITY**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) received State and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds to advance preliminary engineering and to prepare a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental documentation for a proposed MARC Maintenance Facility in Cecil County, Maryland. The project includes construction of a facility that will provide MARC with the capability of storing, servicing and inspecting complete commuter rail trainsets and performing scheduled and unscheduled maintenance and repair work on both locomotives and passenger cars. The general project area is a 115 acre site in Perryville, Maryland. More details on the required right-of-way and potential environmental impacts will be included in the environmental document.

**JUSTIFICATION:** Support existing train service by improving the capacity to store and maintain trainsets.



**County:** Cecil  
**Investment Areas:** Cecil Center  
**Municipality:**  
**Program Category:** System Preservation

FUNDING	PHASE	CURRENT 7/13-6/14	FY 2015 7/14-6/15	FY 2016 7/15-6/16	FY 2017 7/16-6/17	FY 2018 7/17-6/18	FY 2015-18 TOTAL
80% FTA	PE	\$ 1,331.0	\$ 1,705.0 # 3,241				\$ -1,705.0 # 3,241
<i>All \$ X 1,000</i>		\$ 1,331.0	\$ 1,705.0 # 3,241	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 1,705.0 # 3,241

# Wilmington Area Planning Council

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## RESOLUTION BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) AMENDING THE FY 2015-18 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

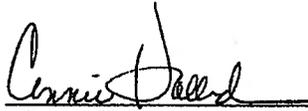
**WHEREAS**, the amendment to the FY 2015-18 TIP has undergone appropriate community and technical reviews; and

**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 2015-18 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 2015-18 Transportation Improvement Program to include revised funding for the MARC Maintenance and Layover Facility.

November 13, 2014  
Date:

  
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Connie Holland, Acting Chairperson  
Wilmington Area Planning Council



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**Re: Amendment to the FY 2014 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement  
Program, MDOT Control #14-32 and 14-35**

Dear Mr. Nixon:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requested approval of two Amendments to the FY 2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) (Control#14-32 dated December 29, 2014 and Control#14-35 dated December 30, 2014). These Amendments add additional funding for both Preventive Maintenance for Washington County Transit System and the MARC Maintenance Facility Project to the STIP.

These projects do not alter any conformity findings nor interfere with any State Implementation Plan projects. Per agreement, a joint Federal Transit Administration (FTA)/Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval of this STIP Amendment is not required. FTA hereby approves the continuation of these projects as Amendments 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,

Vida Morkunas, Director  
Office of Planning and Program Development

cc: Lyn Erickson, MDOT, Office of Planning & Capital Programming  
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