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Mr. Michael Nixon
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Re: Amendments to the FY 2014 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, MDOT Control #14-38; 14-46; 14-49; and 14-52

Dear Mr. Nixon:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requested approval of four Amendments to the FY 2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) (Control#14-38 dated January 30, 2015, Control #14-46 dated February 10, 2015, Control #14-49 dated February 18, 2015 and Control#14-52 dated March 3, 2015). These Amendments add the Bus and Bus Facilities for Rural Area Project, the State Safety Oversight Program and the Metro Railcar and Signaling System Replacement Project to the STIP. Additionally, these amendments provide additional funding for the Small Urban Transit System Capital Project.

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,

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