MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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October 31, 2019

Mr. Gregory Murrill
Division Administrator
Attn: Dr. Kwame Arhin
Federal Highway Administration
Maryland Division
George H. Fallon Federal Building
31 Hopkins Plaza, Suite 1520
Baltimore MD 21201

Ms. Terry Garcia Crews
Regional Administrator
Attn: Mr. Ryan Long
Federal Transit Administration
1760 Market Street. Suite 500
Philadelphia PA 19103

Dear Mr. Murrill and Ms. Crews:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) hereby modifies the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to reflect changes to the Wilmington Area Planning Commission (WILMAPCO) Cecil County highway portion of the FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This modification for the Mechanics Valley Road bridge project separates out the needed right-of-way funding from the previously approved construction funding. The MDOT has assigned Control #19-27 for this modification to the STIP. The approvals and supporting documentation are attached.

Project Name	**STIP #**	**TIP #**	**Funding Source**	**Type**	**FY19-FY22 Net Federal Change (in 000's)**
Mechanics Valley Road Bridge over CSX	CE-0042	CE-0042	STBG	Administrative Modification	$0

(shown in 000's)

The Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program continues to be fiscally constrained.

Should you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Ian Beam at 410-865-1280, toll free 888-713-1414 or via e-mail at ibeam@mdot.state.md.us. Of course, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Tyson Byrne

Tyson Byrne
Regional Planning Manager
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

Attachment

cc: Mr. Ian Beam, Regional Planner, OPCP, MDOT

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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SUBMISSION/AMENDMENT FORM

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Date of Submission: October 30, 2019 **TIP to be Amended:** FY20-23

Sponsoring Agency: Cecil County, Maryland

Project Name: Cecil County Bridge CE-0042, Mechanics Valley Rd. over CSX

Project Category: System Preservation

Project Description:

Replacement of Mechanics Valley Road Bridge CE-0042 over CSX Railroad. Project will replace the existing bridge that is currently in poor condition and is functionally obsolete, with a new, modern bridge on a new alignment that will also improve the intersection of Mechanics Valley Road with Bouchelle Road.

Project Justification:

Project will replace the existing bridge that is currently in poor condition and is functionally obsolete, with a new, modern bridge on a new alignment that will also improve the intersection of Mechanics Valley Road with Bouchelle Road.

Funding:

Federal 80% (STBG) State_____ Local 20% Total 100%

Funding Source	Phase	Current Estimate Total	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total
Federal	ROW & Utilities		696				696
Local	ROW & Utilities		174				174
Federal	PE		540				540
Local	PE		135				135
Federal	Constr.		7,756				7,756
Local	Constr.		1,937				1,937
Total			11,238				11,238

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1. Does this project require a new conformity determination? No.

(Section 93.104(c)(2)) "A TIP amendment requires a new conformity determination for the entire TIP before the amendment is approved by the MPO or accepted by DOT, unless the amendment merely adds or deletes exempt projects listed in § 93.126 or § 93.127".

2. Is this project regionally significant? Yes

(Section 23 CFR 450.326 (f)) "The TIP shall contain all regionally significant projects requiring an action by the FHWA or the FTA whether or not the projects are to be funded under title 23 U.S.C. Chapters 1 and 2 or title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 (e.g., addition of an interchange to the Interstate System with State, local, and/or private funds and congressionally designated projects not funded under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53). For public information and conformity purposes, the TIP shall include all regionally significant projects proposed to be funded with Federal funds other than those administered by the FHWA or the FTA, as well as all regionally significant projects to be funded with non-Federal funds."

3. Has this project had the opportunity for public comment? Yes

(Section 450.328(a)) "The MPO(s) shall use public participation procedures consistent with § 450.316(a) in revising the TIP, except that these procedures are not required for administrative modifications."

4. Has this project been found to be financially constrained? Yes

(Section 450.326(k)) "The TIP shall include a project, or a phase of a project, only if full funding can reasonably be anticipated to be available for the project within the time period contemplated for completion of the project...."

Please indicate funding sources by agency:

Cecil County
Federal Aid Bridge Replacement Program

5. Is this project consistent with the WILMAPCO Regional Transportation Plan? Yes

(Section 450.326i) "Each project or project phase included in the TIP shall be consistent with the approved metropolitan transportation plan."

If not, is there a resolution to amend the Regional Transportation Plan?

6. Does the project include complete streets elements (i.e. pedestrian, bicycle, or transit improvements? Please describe:

No. It is a bridge a replacement.

7. Please provide any additional pertinent information below:

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Description of Public Participation

Project Name: Cecil County Bridge CE-0042, Mechanics Valley Road over CSX Railroad

Which techniques were used to seek public comment (please use additional pages if needed).

X Public workshops/meetings

Number of public workshops/meetings: 1

Format: Open Information Meeting with display boards and multiple representatives from the County answering questions from attendees

Location(s): North East Fire Hall, North East, Maryland

Number of attendees: 30 signed the attendance sheet, however estimated a total of 45 attendees

Main issue raised: Length of construction; proposed detour and length; will the intersection site distance be improved

Consensus of meeting: Significant majority of attendees if favor of the project since it will improve the intersection of Mechanics Valley Road and Bouchelle Road

Overall, the public support for the project was (check one):

X Strong support, few concerns

_____ Some support, but some concerns raised

_____ Mixed, equal support and opposition

_____ Some opposition, many concerns raised

_____ Strong opposition, major problems identified

Unresolved issues identified: _____

_____ Citizen Advisory/Steering Committee

_____ Survey

Number surveyed: _____

Results: _____

_____ Elected officials briefings

_____ Other _____

How was the public notified about the project?

X Web page

X Legal notice in Local Paper

_____ Videos

_____ Radio/television

_____ Publications Distribution: _____

_____ Newsletter/brochure

_____ Flyers

X Other The County installed multiple static signs in the project area informing the public of a public informational meeting with the date and time identified

How has the project changed as a result of public comments?

No significant changes resulted from the public comments, however the County and the design engineer Were informed of unique items with each of the property which has aided with the project documents.

Comment further on the quantity and quality of the public participation:

Overall the meeting went well and well attended when compared to other prior project meetings.

The meeting was able to reduce public concern about the scale and impacts of the project.

Ian Beam

From: Stephen O'Connor <SOConnor@ccgov.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 3:51 PM
To: Heather Dunigan
Cc: Ian Beam; John Fabian
Subject: RE: Request for Administrative Modification to the FY2019-FY2022 Transportation Improvement Program

Yes. That is our request.

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From: Heather Dunigan <hdunigan@wilmapco.org>
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Thanks, just confirming that this is an administrative modification and not an amendment? If so, we are fine with the changes as submitted and won't require further WILMAPCO action.

From: Stephen O'Connor [mailto:SOConnor@ccgov.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 3:00 PM
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Cc: Ian Beam <ibeam@mdot.maryland.gov>; John Fabian <JFabian@ccgov.org>
Subject: Request for Administrative Modification to the FY2019-FY2022 Transportation Improvement Program

Heather,

Please see the attached request for your use. The original is going out in tomorrow's mail.

Wilmington Area Planning Council

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RESOLUTION

BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO)

AMENDING THE FY 2019-2022 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 Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST), 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 2019-2022 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 FAST and Clean Air Act and Amendments (CAAA) of 1990 requirements; and;

WHEREAS, the amendment to the FY 2019-2022 TIP have been found to be financially constrained, as directed by 23 CFR 450.326, and consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council does hereby amend the FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program to include funding for Cecil County Bridge CE-0042 on Mechanics Valley Road over CSX Railroad project.

January 10, 2019
Date:

John Sisson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council

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Date of Submission: December 3, 2018 **TIP to be Amended:** FY2019-FY2022

Sponsoring Agency: Cecil County Department of Public Works

Project Name: Cecil County Bridge CE-0042, Mechanics Valley Road over CSX Railroad

Project Category: Transportation Improvement Program

Project Description:

Project will replace the existing bridge that is currently in poor condition and is functionally obsolete with a new modern bridge on a new alignment that will also improve the intersection of Mechanics Valley Road with Bouchelle Road

Project Justification:

Bridge Preservation

Funding:

Federal 80% State _____ Local 20% Total 100%

Funding Source	Phase	Current Estimate Total	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	Total
Federal	Final		871				871
Local	Final		217				217
Federal	Constr.			8,120			8,120
Local	Constr.			2,030			2,030
Total			1,088	10,150			11,238

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