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Ms. Heather Murphy
Director, Office of Planning and Capital Programming
Maryland Department of Transportation
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**Re: Amendments to the FY 2017 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program,
MDOT Control #17-131 and #17-133**

Dear Ms. Murphy:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requested approval of two Amendments to the FY 2017 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) (Control #17-131 and #17-133 dated October 2, 2018 and October 10, 2018 respectively). Control #17-131 Amendment adds the following Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) project: Beyond the Bus Stop. This project includes \$2.6 million Federal in Section 5339b Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment discretionary funds to improve amenities for both riders and operators at bus stops in Baltimore City. Control #17-133 Amendment includes an increase of Section 5311 funds totaling \$8.9 million Federal for construction of the Ocean City Bus Facility and other rural transit projects in the state.

Per agreement, a joint Federal Transit Administration (FTA)/Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval of these STIP Amendments are not required. Based on our review of the information provided, the FTA hereby approves these Amendments to the STIP and finds it consistent with the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 135 and 49 U.S.C. 5304. 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.

Mr. Ryan Long, Community Planner, of my staff, is available at (215) 656-7051 if you have questions concerning this approval.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Zubrzycki, Director
Office of Planning and Program Development

cc: Tyson Byrne, MDOT,
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