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Ms. Heather Murphy  
Director, Office of Planning and Capital Programming  
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**Re: Amendment to the FY 2017 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, MDOT  
Control #17-20**

Dear Ms. Murphy:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requested approval of an Amendment to the FY 2017 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) (Control #17-20 dated March 7, 2017).

This Amendment adds a new Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) project using FY 16 Section 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities discretionary funds in the amount of \$533,575 Federal toward MTA's Bus Mini Overhaul Program. This Amendment also includes an increase of Section 5337 funds totaling \$17.4 million Federal for MARC improvements and \$27.7 million Federal for MARC rolling stock overhauls and repairs.

Furthermore this Amendment adds flexed STP funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and updates Section 5307 Program funds for FY 2017 in the amount of \$22.2 million Federal. Flex funds are to be used toward the BaltimoreLink transit signal priority and BusLink transit facilities. Section 5307 funds increases are a result of refined estimates of capital budget needs.

Per agreement, a joint Federal Transit Administration (FTA)/Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval of this STIP Amendment is not required. Based on our review of the information provided, the FTA hereby approves this Amendment 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,

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Office of Planning and Program Development

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