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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 #17-33**

Dear Ms. Murphy:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requested approval of an Amendment to the FY 2017 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) (Control #17-33 dated March 28, 2017 via email). This Amendment adds a new project to the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board TIP for the Montgomery County Department of Transportation: US 29 Bus Rapid Transit Improvements project. This project, in partnership with the Maryland Transit Administration, includes \$10 million in discretionary TIGER VIII funds.

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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