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Ms. Heather Murphy
Director, Office of Planning and Capital Programming
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7201 Corporate Center Drive
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**Re: Amendment to the FY 2017 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement
Program, MDOT Control #17-4**

Dear Ms. Murphy:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requested approval of an Amendment to the FY 2017 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) (Control #17-4 dated November 15, 2016). This Amendment adds the following Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) project: North Avenue Rising. This project, in partnership with the City of Baltimore, includes \$10 million in discretionary TIGER VIII funds, as well as \$1.6 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Federal 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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