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July 14, 2025

Ms. Valeriya Remezova Division Administrator Attn: Ms. Jasmine Champion 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. Dan Koenig Federal Transit Administration, Region III 1835 Market Street, Suite 1910 Philadelphia PA 19103-2968

Dear Ms. Remezova and Ms. Crews:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requests to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2028 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to reflect changes to one new project in the FY 2023-2026 National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on behalf of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT).

This action reflects the addition of the North Bethesda Metro Station Improvements project and the associated programmed expenditures from FY 2025 to FY 2028. The project is programmed for \$37.9 million through FY 2030, which includes \$24.8 million through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) BUILD program, \$8.1 million local match, and \$5 million through Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF). The CPF funding was originally programmed in FY 2025 but was shifted to FY 2026 as an administrative modification at FTA's request.

Project Name	STIP#	Funding Source	FY25-FY28 Net Federal Change (in 000's)
North Bethesda Metro Station Improvements	13666	BUILD, EMRK- CPF, local	\$29,800

Ms. Valeriya Remezova Ms. Terry Garcia Crews Page Two

This amendment to the STIP has been assigned MDOT Control #25-13, and this project does not affect the Air Quality Conformity Determination for Visualize 2045.

The TPB approved the amendment to its TIP on March 7, 2025, and approved the administrative modification to its TIP on May 6, 2025. The approvals and supporting documentation are attached. Should you have additional questions or concerns, please contact me at 410-865-1305, toll free 888-713-1414 or via e-mail at ksnyder3@mdot.maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Kari Snyder Regional Planner

Office of Planning, Programming, and Project Delivery (OPPPD)

Kari M Smyder

Attachments

cc: Mr. Dan Janousek, Regional Planner, OPPPD, MDOT

Mr. Shawn Kiernan, Regional Planner, OPPPD, MDOT

TPB Steering Committee Item 1b TPB SR34-2025 March 7, 2025

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD 777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, N.E. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002

RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE TIP ACTION 23-57.2 WHICH ADDS A NEW PROJECT FOR THE NORTH BETHESDA METRO STATION IMPROVEMENTS, AS REQUESTED BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MCDOT)

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), as the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, reauthorized November 15, 2021 when the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law, for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the TIP is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as a basis and condition for all federal funding assistance to state, local and regional agencies for transportation improvements within the Washington planning area; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2022 the TPB adopted the FY 2023-2026 TIP; and

WHEREAS, MCDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2023-2026 TIP to include TIP Action 23-57.2 which adds a new project, North Bethesda Metro Station Improvements (T13666), with \$29.8 million programmed for construction in the 4-year TIP program, with additional funding planned for years beyond 2026 will bring the total project cost to \$37.9 million, as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, the review and processing of the amendments included in this TIP Action have been conducted in accordance with the procedures detailed in the TPB's Public Participation Plan and the Procedures for Revisions to the Long-Range Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments have been entered into the TPB's Project InfoTrak database under TIP Action 23-57.2 creating the 57th amended version of the FY 2023-2026 TIP, and the draft amendments were posted on the TPB's Steering Committee meeting page seven days in advance of the scheduled approval and can also be found for review online at www.mwcog.org/TIP/FY23-26/Amendments; and

WHEREAS, this project is exempt from the air quality conformity requirement, as defined in Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Regulations as of April 2012; and

WHEREAS, full funding for this project was included in the Financial Analysis of the 2022 Update to Visualize 2045 and the FY 2023-2026 TIP, and the TIP remains fiscally constrained, as demonstrated in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, the attached materials include:

ATTACHMENT A) Amendment Overview reports showing how the amended project records will appear in the TIP following approval, along with a complete listing of all changes made for this newest approved version of the record.

ATTACHMENT B) Financial Constraint Summary Table demonstrating financial constraint.

ATTACHMENT C) Letter from MCDOT dated February 21, 2025, requesting the amendment, and

WHEREAS, this resolution and the amendment to the FY 2023-2026 TIP shall not be considered final until the Transportation Planning Board has had the opportunity to review these materials at its next full meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2023-2026 TIP to include TIP Action 23-57.2 which adds a new project, **North Bethesda Metro Station Improvements (T13666)**, with \$29.8 million programmed for construction in the 4-year TIP program, with additional funding planned for years beyond 2026 will bring the total project cost to \$37.9 million, as described in the attached materials.

ATTACHMENT A

T13666 - North Bethesda Metro Station Improvements

Lead Agency Montgomery County	Project Type Rail/Fixed Guideways - Metrorail/Commuter Rail	County -
From -	Agency Project ID	Municipality -
To -	Completion Date 2030	Total Cost \$37,915,000

Project Desription

This project proposes a comprehensive suite of investments that facilitate safer, more direct access to the North Bethesda Metrorail station and surrounding destinations. The keystone of this project is a new entrance to the North Bethesda Metro Station, which will improve travel time and safety for station users. A new transit plaza will safely and directly connect the station to two future Bus Rapid Transit ("BRT") lines. The project will leverage a public-private partnership to supplement public funding which will enable significant long term private investment around the station entrance, including an estimated 1.9M square feet of mixed-use development with a life sciences focus. Together, these investments will support the growth and economy of North Bethesda, one of the fastest growing areas of the Washington Metropolitan region.

This project is linked to Montgomery County CIP project P501914 (North Bethesda Metro Station Northern Entrance).

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FUTURE	TOTAL
Construction	BUILD	-	-	-	\$24,800,000	-	-	\$24,800,000
Construction	Earmark - CPF	-	-	-	\$5,000,000	-	-	\$5,000,000
Construction	LOCAL	-	-	-	-	-	\$8,115,000	\$8,115,000
Total Construction		-	-	-	\$29,800,000	-	\$8,115,000	\$37,915,000
Total Future Costs		-	-	-	-	-	\$8,115,000	\$8,115,000
Total Programmed		-	-	-	\$29,800,000	-	\$8,115,000	\$37,915,000

CURRENT CHANGE REASON	New Project
FEDERAL PROJECT COST	Stays the same \$24,800,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	Stays the same \$37,915,000





Marc Elrich
County Executive

Christopher R. Conklin *Director*

February 21, 2025

The Honorable James Walkinshaw, Chair National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments 777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300 Washington, DC 20002

Dear Chair Walkinshaw:

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is proposing a new project, North Bethesda Metro Station Improvements (T13666), to amend the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The project will provide a comprehensive suite of investments that facilitate safer, more direct access to the North Bethesda Metrorail station. The keystone of this project is a new northern entrance to the station, which will improve travel time and safety for station users. The project will leverage a public-private partnership to supplement public funding which will enable significant long term private investment around the station entrance, including an estimated 1.9M square feet of mixed-use development with a life sciences focus. Together, these investments will support the growth and economy of North Bethesda, one of the fastest growing areas of the Washington Metropolitan region.

The amendment is necessary to obligate federal funding. The project is programmed for \$37.9 million through FY 2030. It will be funded through a \$24.8 million grant award through the FTA BUILD program, \$5 million through Congressional Community Project Funding, and \$8.1 million local match (35%). Additional funding is anticipated through joint efforts with WMATA in the near future.

Montgomery County requests this amendment be approved by the TPB Steering Committee at its March 7, 2025 meeting. Following approval of this TIP amendment, we will send a copy of the approval and request that the Maryland Department of Transportation amend its Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) so that we may begin to obligate the federal funding.

Office of the Director



MCDOT February TIP Amendment Letter February 21, 2025 Page 2

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Christopher Van Alstyne at christopher Van Alstyne at christopher Vanalstyne@montgomerycountymd.gov or Corey Pitts corey.pitts@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Sincerely,

Haley Peckett

Deputy Director of Transportation Policy

Harry Peckett

cc: Kanti Srikanth, Director of Transportation Planning, WMCOG Kari Synder, Regional Planner, Maryland Department of Transportation Corey Pitts, MCDOT Chris Van Alstyne, MCDOT Van Alstyne, Chris

Pitts, Corey; Karl Snyder; Andrew Austin; Lyn Erickson; Kanti Srikanth Re: Ad-mod Request - T13666 - North Bethesda Metro Station Improvements Thursday, May 15, 2025 12:07:22 PM

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Good afternoon Mr. Van Alstyne,

This is to acknowledge the receipt and processing of the Montgomery County request for administrative modification to the project listed below in the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Approved under TIP Action 23-62, the TPB's modified FY 2023-2026 TIP now reflects updated descriptive and funding information, as described in the attached materials for the following projects and programs:

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AGENCY	TIP ID	PROJECT/PROGRAM TITLE	BEFORE	COST AFTER	CHANGE	CHANGE SUMMARY
Montgomery County	T13666	North Bethesda Metro Station Improvements	\$37,915,000	\$37,915,000	0%	The total project cost stayed the same. Shifted Earmark-CPF funding from the Con Phase in FY 2025 to the Con Phase in FY 2026.

In consultation with Montgomery County, TPB staff find that the increases in 4-year program totals or total project costs are below the maximum allowable thresholds allowed for administrative modifications according to the TPB's "Procedures for Revisions to the Constrained Long Range Plan and Transportation Improvement Program for the National Capital Region," adopted by the TPB on January 16, 2008 and amended by the TPB Steering Committee on September 6, 2019 (referenced in the attached materials).

The attached materials include:

- 1. an Overview Report showing how the projects and programs now appear in the TIP;
- 2. a Financial Constraint Summary Table demonstrating financial constraint;
- 3. an excerpt of pages from Appendix B of the FY 2023-2026 TIP, providing the definitions for amendments and administrative modifications.

This administrative modification is approved and effective as of May 15, 2025. Please keep TPB staff appraised whenever your agency makes any requests to formally amend your STIP.

Should you have any questions on the matter please contact Andrew Austin on the TPB's staff at 202-962-3353 OR aaustin@mwcog.org.

Sincerely, Kanti Srikanth Director - MWCOG, Dept. of Transportation Planning Staff Director - Transportation Planning Board 202-962-3257 (Direct) 202-962-3202 (Fax) Sent on behalf of Kanti Srikanth by Sara Brown

From: Van Alstyne, Chris < Chris. Van Alstyne@montgomerycountymd.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 5:15 PM

To: Sara Brown <sbrown@mwcog.org>; Andrew Austin <aaustin@mwcog.org>

 $\textbf{Cc:} \ \textbf{Pitts, Corey <} corey. \textbf{pitts@montgomerycountymd.gov>}; \ \textbf{Kari Snyder <} \textbf{ksnyder3@mdot.maryland.gov>} \textbf{and corey.pitts@montgomerycountymd.gov>}; \ \textbf{Kari Snyder <} \textbf{ksnyder3@mdot.maryland.gov>} \textbf{and corey.pitts@montgomerycountymd.gov>}; \ \textbf{Kari Snyder } \textbf{ksnyder3@mdot.maryland.gov>}; \ \textbf{Kari Snyder } \textbf{ksnyder3.maryland.gov>}; \ \textbf{$

Subject: Ad-mod Request - T13666 - North Bethesda Metro Station Improvements

Dear Sara and Andrew, we are requesting an administrative modification to T13666 - North Bethesda Metro Station Improvements. This ad-mod adjusts the expected fiscal year for the receipt of Community Project Funding from FY25 to FY26. There is no fiscal or programmatic change.

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\$	37,915,000	New total
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If approved, we will forward to MDOT to amend the STIP. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Chris Van Alstyne

Senior Planning Specialist, Transportation Policy and Planning

Director's Office
Montgomery County Department of Transportation
Chris.VanAlstyne@montgomerycountymd.gov
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T13666 - North Bethesda Metro Station Improvements

Lead Agency	Montgomery County
Project Type	Rail/Fixed Guideways - Metro- rail/Commuter Rail
County	-
From	-
Agency Project ID	-
Municipality	-
То	-
Completion Date	2030
Total Cost	\$37,915,000
Project Desription	This project proposes a comprehensive suite of investments that facilitate safer, more direct access to the North Bethesda Metrorail station and surrounding destinations. The keystone of this project is a new entrance to the North Bethesda Metro Station, which will improve travel time and safety for station users. A new transit plaza will safely and directly connect the station to two future Bus Rapid Transit ("BRT") lines. The project will leverage a public-private partnership to supplement public funding which will enable significant long term private investment around the station entrance, including an estimated 1.9M square feet of mixed-use development with a life sciences focus. Together, these investments will support the growth and economy of North Bethesda, one of the fastest growing areas of the Washington Metropolitan region. This project is linked to Montgomery County CIP project P501914 (North Bethesda Metro Station Northern Entrance).



Phase Fund Source	e Prior	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Future	Total
Construction BUILD	-	-	-	\$24,800,000	-	-	\$24,800,000
Construction Earmark - C	PF -	-	-	-	\$5,000,000	-	\$5,000,000

Construction LOCAL -	-		-	\$8,115,000	\$8,115,000				
Total Con- struction -	-	- \$24,800,000	\$5,000,000	\$8,115,000	\$37,915,000				
Total Future - Costs	-		-	\$8,115,000	\$8,115,000				
Total Pro- grammed	-	- \$24,800,000	\$5,000,000	\$8,115,000	\$37,915,000				
Current Change Reason	Current Change Reason Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update Other, Changing the year of funding to be recieved due to This adjusts the expected FY for the receipt of Communi Project Funding from FY25 to FY26.								
Project Changes	Plan Revision Name changed from "23-57.2 (MD)" to "23-62"								
Funding Changes	Earmark - CPF - Decrease funds in FY 2025 in CON from \$5,000,000 to \$0 + Increase funds in FY 2026 in CON from \$0 to \$5,000,000								
Federal Project Cost	Stays the same \$5,000,000								