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## Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Martin E. Nohe, Chairman  
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

Members  
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

**FROM:** Tom Biesiadny, Chairman  
Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee  
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

**SUBJECT:** Update on TIP Amendments (Agenda Item 6.F.)

**DATE:** July 8, 2010

VDOT submitted an FY 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment to the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) for approval in July (attached). The amendment is summarized below. The TPB Steering Committee will consider the amendment on July 9, 2010.

- Crystal City/Potomac Yards Transitway: The project will provide an exclusive/dedicated busway between the Arlington County line and the Crystal City Metrorail Station. The amendment will obligate \$980,000 in Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 New Starts funding for the preliminary engineering and final design phases of the project. Arlington County and the Commonwealth will provide the \$245,000 in matching funds.

Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee members and I will be available at the July 8, 2010, NVTA meeting to answer questions.

Cc: Members, NVTA Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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**GREGORY A. WHIRLEY**  
ACTING COMMISSIONER

July 8, 2010

National Capital Region: FY 2010-2015  
Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

The Honorable David Snyder  
Chairman, National Capital Region  
Transportation Planning Board  
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.; Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20002-4201

Dear Chairman Snyder:

On behalf of Arlington County, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT) and itself, VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office requests the following amendment to the FY 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) / 2009 CLRP. The funding proposed to be obligated for the project is derived from federal FTA Sec. 5309 New Starts program. The project proposed to receive funding with this amendment has been included in the currently approved air quality conformity analyses of the 2009 CLRP/FY2010 TIP.

The project is the proposed Crystal City / Potomac Yard Transitway project in Arlington County (ARL0008). This project will provide an exclusive/dedicated busway between the Arlington County Line and the Crystal City Metrorail station. The proposed TIP amendment will obligate \$980,000 of FTA Section 5309 New Start funds for the PE and Final Design professional services phase of the project. The 2008 FTA funds have to be obligated prior to the end of September 2010. Arlington County and the State will be providing matching funds for the project in a combined amount of \$245,000. The project has been included in previous TIP and the air quality conformity analyses for the current CLRP and TIP. A copy of the letter requesting the TIP amendment by Arlington County Transportation staff is attached.

VDOT requests that this amendment be considered and approved by the Transportation Planning Board Steering Committee at its July 9, 2010 meeting. Arlington County and VDOT representatives will be in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions members of the Steering Committee may have.

Upon approval of this amendment, please furnish copies of the approval to Ms. Jo Anne Sorenson (VDOT's Northern Virginia office) and to Mr. Chad Tucker in VDOT's Transportation and Mobility Planning Division in Richmond.

Thank you for your consideration of and action on this request.

Sincerely,



Morteza Salehi  
District Administrator  
VDOT – Northern Virginia District

*Asst. Dist. Administrator  
for*

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)**

TIP Amendment -7/9/2010

FY 2010-15

Changes to existing entries are noted in bold.

Agency Project ID	Facility, Location, Description	Phase	Previous Funding	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	Program Total FY 10-15	Funding Source		Funding Shares			
											Fed	State	Local			
<b>VDOT - Transit</b>																
ARL0008	Title: Crystal City / Potomac Yard Transitway Facility: Exclusive/Dedicated bus lanes From: Arlington County Line To: Crystal City Metrorail Station Jurisdiction: Arlington County Reason for Amendment: Project is the provision of an exclusive/dedicated bus lanes between Arlington Co. line and the Crystal City Metrorail station. Air Quality Project included in the air quality conformity analyses for 2010 (and earlier) CLRP.	PE	\$845	\$1,225	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,225	5309	80%	11%	9%	
		ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	0%	0%	0%
		CN	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	0%	0%	0%



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July 7, 2010

Terry Brown  
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Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation  
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Dear Ms. Brown:

Arlington County requests an urgent amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP, to add a new funding source to an existing project, the Crystal City / Potomac Yard Transitway.

The new source of funds is a FY08 Congressional earmark for \$980,000 through the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5309 New Starts program. These funds will be used for preliminary engineering and final design professional services. The Crystal City / Potomac Yard Transitway extends from the Arlington County Line to the Crystal City Metrorail Station with exclusive and dedicated bus lanes to improve transit service capacity and reliability in the corridor.

The project is already listed in VDRPT's STIP by project code ARL-0008, and has already gone through an air-quality conformity review. This amendment request does not alter the scope of the project; it merely adds additional funding necessary for completion.

The amendment is requested for consideration by the TPB Steering Committee at its July 9, 2010, meeting, and is necessary to satisfy the Federal requirement that projects be listed in an approved TIP and STIP before funding can be drawn. Because the funding in question expires on September 30, 2010, its rapid inclusion in the current TIP is of the utmost importance. If the funding cannot be drawn by that time, it will no longer be available to the region. Unfortunately, the applicability of this fund source was uncertain until recently.

We greatly appreciate the flexibility shown by TPB, VDOT, and VDRPT in accommodating this last minute amendment to the July schedule. In addition, we thank Mr. Kanti Srikanth for his help in identifying the urgency of this issue and in preparing action.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dan Malouff (703-228-7989 or [dmalouff@arlingtonva.us](mailto:dmalouff@arlingtonva.us)) or Matthew Huston (703-228-3267 or [mhuston@arlingtonva.us](mailto:mhuston@arlingtonva.us)).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bee Buergler".

Bee Buergler  
Transit Capital Program Manager

cc: Mr. Kanathur Srikanth, VDOT  
Mr. Andrew Austin, MWCOG  
Ms. Marie Berry, VDRPT  
Mr. Robert McDonald, VDOT  
Ms. Melissa Barlow, FTA