
January 28, 2026

Ms. Valeriya Remezova
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Attn: Ms. Jasmine Champion
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Maryland Division
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Ms. Terry Garcia Crews
Regional Administrator
Attn: Ms. Laura Keeley
Federal Transit Administration, Region III
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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 add a new statewide project on behalf of the State Highway Administration (SHA).

Project Name	STIP #	Funding Source	FY25-FY28 Net Federal Change (in 000's)
AI Tools for Operational Efficiencies and HR Administration	AZ400B	STIC, State	\$45

The MDOT has assigned Control #25-80 for this action, and the supporting documentation is attached.

The Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program continues to be fiscally constrained.

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Should you have additional questions or concerns, please contact me at 410-865-2775, toll free 888-713-1414 or via e-mail at skiernan@mdot.maryland.gov

Sincerely,

Shawn Kiernan

Shawn Kiernan
Regional Planner
Office of Planning, Programming, and Project Delivery (OPPPD)

Attachments

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

MEMORANDUM

TO: MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT)
OFFICE OF PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, AND PROJECT DELIVERY
(OPPPD) DIRECTOR MICHELLE MARTIN

ATTN: OPPPD PLANNING MANAGER SHAWN KIERNAN
OPPPD REGIONAL PLANNER DAN JANOUSEK
OPPPD REGIONAL PLANNER KARI SNYDER

FROM: REGIONAL AND INTERMODAL PLANNING DIVISION (RIPD) *TJ* 1/27/2026
CHIEF TARA PENDERS

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-2028 MARYLAND
STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)

DATE: JANUARY 27, 2026

RESPONSE
REQUESTED BY: N/A

PURPOSE OF MEMORANDUM

To request the MDOT OPPPD approve and forward to the Federal Highway Administration for its approval the following STIP amendment.

SUMMARY

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) hereby requests amendment of the FY 2025-2028 Maryland STIP to reflect the addition of a new project.

STIP	PROJECT	PHASE	NEW FUNDING
AZ400B	AI Tools for Operational Efficiencies and HR Administration	PP	\$57,000

AI Tools for Operational Efficiencies and HR Administration – This requested amendment reflects the addition of a new project and \$57,000 to the FY 2025-2028 STIP. The work program will be funded with \$45,000 in State Transportation Innovation Councils (STIC) funding, and \$12,000 in state funding. This project enables SHA to cooperatively, continuously, and comprehensively make transportation investment decisions and coordinate transportation planning activities throughout Maryland. The funding added by this amendment covers SHA's programmed activities for FY 2026.

The attached STIP report documents MDOT's requested amendment with respect to funding for the above project. This requested action will not impact scheduling or funding availability for other projects in the current STIP, which remains fiscally constrained. The amended funding does not affect the portion of federal funding programmed for transit or allocations of state aid to local jurisdictions in lieu of federal aid.

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In addition, the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) remains fiscally constrained. The TTF supports State transportation system operation and maintenance, MDOT administration, debt service, and capital projects. Semiannually, MDOT updates revenues and expenditures using two national forecasting companies' latest economic estimates. MDOT published funding details in the FY 2025-2030 Consolidated Transportation Program and FY 2022-2025 Maryland STIP.

Please amend the FY 2025-2028 Maryland STIP to reflect the funding information provided in the attachment. If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-545-8941 or tpenders@mdot.maryland.gov.

ATTACHMENTS

- FY 2025-2028 Maryland STIP project AZ400B report

cc: Mr. Joseph Burke, Federal Legislative Manager, Office of Government Affairs, SHA
Mr. Nate Evans, Assistant Chief, RIPD, SHA
Mr. David Schlie, Regional Planner, RIPD, SHA

MARYLAND STATEWIDE TIP FY 2025-2028

MDOT STIP #AZ400B

SUMMARY TABLE

Project		Amendment Criteria	Conformity Status	Environmental Status	Current Funding Level (000s)		
		A	n/a	n/a	Federal	State/Local	Total
AI Tools for Operational Efficiencies and HR Administration		Administration	Area/MPO	CTP Page	Net Funding Change (000s)		
		SHA	Rural (Non-MPO)	Various	Federal	State/Local	Total
Description	Implementation of AI-driven self service agent using Microsoft Copilot as its base.						
Justification	Project expected to reduce IT service desk workloads, enhance access to knowledge management resources, and improve employee training metrics						

INDIVIDUAL REQUEST FORM

STIP/TIP Amendment Criteria			Funding	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	Total
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MDOT MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION		Proposed (000s)	Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57	\$ -	\$ 57
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PHASE DETAIL

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TOTAL PROJECT COST		STIP Cost (FY 2025-2028)		Balance to Complete (≥ FY 2029)		Total Project Cost		
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