

October 20, 2020

Mr. Gregory Murrill
Division Administrator
Attn: Dr. Kwame Arhin
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. Ryan Long
Federal Transit Administration, Region III
1835 Market Street, Suite 1910
Philadelphia PA 19103

Dear Mr. Murrill and Ms. Crews:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) hereby amends the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2022 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to add a project to the Baltimore Regional Transportation Planning Board (BRTB) FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The BRTB approved the amendment to its TIP on September 22, 2020.

The MDOT has designated Control #19-82 for this amendment to the STIP. The approvals and supporting documentation are attached.

Project Name	STIP #	TIP #	Funding Source	FY19-FY22 Net Federal Change (in 000's)
Phoenix Road Bridge No. BC6507 over Gunpowder Falls & NCR Trail:	13-2001-13	13-2001-13	STBG	9,600

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The Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program continues to be fiscally constrained. Should you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Dan Janousek at 410-865-1098, toll free 888-713-1414 or via e-mail at ibeam@mdot.state.md.us. Of course, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tyson Byrne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tyson" and last name "Byrne" clearly legible.

Tyson Byrne
Regional Planning Manager
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

Attachment

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



September 25, 2020

Ms. Heather Murphy
Office of Planning & Capital Programming
Attn: Mr. Dan Janousek
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, MD 21076-1415

Dear Ms. Murphy:

Enclosed is one amendment to the *2021-2024 Baltimore Region Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* as approved by the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) on September 22, 2020. The BRTB approved the *2021-2024 TIP* at its meeting on August 25, 2020. Since federal agencies have not yet approved the *2021-2024 TIP* and the associated conformity determination, we ask that you consider this amendment to the *2021-2024 TIP* at the appropriate time.

The documentation enclosed supports changes to the *2021-2024 TIP* for one Baltimore County project:

- **Phoenix Road Bridge No. BC6507 over Gunpowder Falls & NCR Trail: 13-2001-13**

The bridge is owned and maintained by the City of Baltimore, but is located in Baltimore County. Through an agreement between Baltimore County, Baltimore City, and MDOT SHA, Baltimore City will replace this bridge using federal funds intended for projects in Baltimore County. Given the project's location and funding source, it is included in the TIP as a Baltimore County project.

The amendment was presented to the Technical Committee on September 1, 2020. In addition, the Interagency Consultation Group has determined that the project is exempt from the requirement to determine conformity according to the Conformity Rule.

Baltimore County has affirmed that fiscal constraint for their program of projects remains intact and has made a commitment to the match required.

Pursuant to the prescribed TIP amendment process MOU signed in 2014, the BRTB approved Resolution #21-6 to support this change to the *2021-2024 TIP*.



If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Todd R. Lang, Director
Transportation Planning

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Kevin Sabolcik, Baltimore County
Mr. Christopher Brown, Baltimore City

Summary of 2021-2024 TIP Changes

Project Title	TIP Change Reason	Description	Type of Change
Phoenix Road Bridge No. BC6507 over Gunpowder Falls & NCR Trail: 13-2001-13	This amendment adds the project to the 2021-2024 TIP by shifting construction funding from FY 2020 to FY 2021. The project was included in the 2020-2023 TIP and was originally scheduled to advertise for construction in FY 2020. However, delays in right-of-way acquisition delayed advertisement until FY 2021, necessitating inclusion of the project in the 2021-2024 TIP. Construction funding includes \$9.6 million in federal STBG funds along with \$2.4 million in local matching funds.	This project replaces Bridge No. BC6507 on Phoenix Road over the Gunpowder Falls and the NCR Trail. The bridge is located in Baltimore County, but is owned and maintained by Baltimore City as it is located within the Loch Raven Reservoir. The construction phase is funded with federal funds originally intended for Baltimore County. Both Baltimore City and Baltimore County are contributing matching funds. The old bridge provided 20' of clear roadway width for two lanes and no shoulders. The new bridge will provide 30' clear roadway width (between traffic barriers) for two 12' lanes and two 3' shoulders. Engineering was completed in FY 2019 with local funds only. Conformity Status: Exempt	Amendment

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #21-6**

**AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 – 2024 BALTIMORE REGION
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, encompassing the Baltimore Urbanized Area, and includes official representatives of the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore, the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Queen Anne’s as well as representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Planning, the Maryland Transit Administration, and Harford Transit; and

***WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region at its August 25, 2020 meeting, with federal approval anticipated in September, 2020; and*

WHEREAS, federal regulations require that all transportation-related projects must be listed in the approved Transportation Improvement Program with accurate funding schedules in order to be eligible for federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program consists of projects included in, and in support of, the region's long-range transportation plan and ongoing short-range planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, Baltimore County has requested approval of an amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation Improvement Program amendment process; and

WHEREAS, Baltimore County is requesting to add the Phoenix Road Bridge No. BC6507 over Gunpowder Falls & NCR Trail project to the 2021-2024 TIP. The project was originally scheduled to advertise for construction in FY 2020. However, delays in right-of-way acquisition delayed advertisement until FY 2021, necessitating inclusion of the project in the 2021-2024 TIP (see attachment); and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program, as amended, continues to display financial reasonableness and re-affirms the appropriate project selection criteria whereby all requirements for a Transportation Improvement Program in the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act are met; and

WHEREAS, this project is consistent with the federal emphasis on performance-based planning and programming, specifically the federal requirements pertaining to maintaining bridges in a state of good repair; and

WHEREAS, the Interagency Consultation Group has determined that this project is exempt according to the Conformity Rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93); and

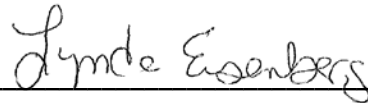
WHEREAS, the proposed Transportation Improvement Program amendment was presented to the Technical Committee on September 1, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approves the attached amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region and finds it to conform to the applicable Maryland State Implementation Plan and requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region approved the aforementioned resolution on September 22, 2020.

9-22-2020

Date



Lynda Eisenberg, Chair

Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

Phoenix Road Bridge No. BC6507 over Gunpowder Falls & NCR Trail

TIP ID	13-2001-13	Year of Operation	2023
Agency	Baltimore County	Project Type	Bridge repair/deck replacement
Project Category	Highway Preservation	Functional Class	Local
Conformity Status	Exempt	Physical Data	2 to 2 Lanes
CIP or CTP ID(s)	557-068 (Baltimore City CIP)	Est. Total Cost	\$13,500,000

Description:

This project replaces Bridge No. BC6507 on Phoenix Road over the Gunpowder Falls and the NCR Trail. The bridge is located in Baltimore County, but is owned and maintained by Baltimore City as it is located within the Loch Raven Reservoir. The construction phase is funded with federal funds originally intended for Baltimore County. Both Baltimore City and Baltimore County are contributing matching funds. The old bridge provided 20' of clear roadway width for two lanes and no shoulders. The new bridge will provide 30' clear roadway width (between traffic barriers) for two 12' lanes and two 3' shoulders.

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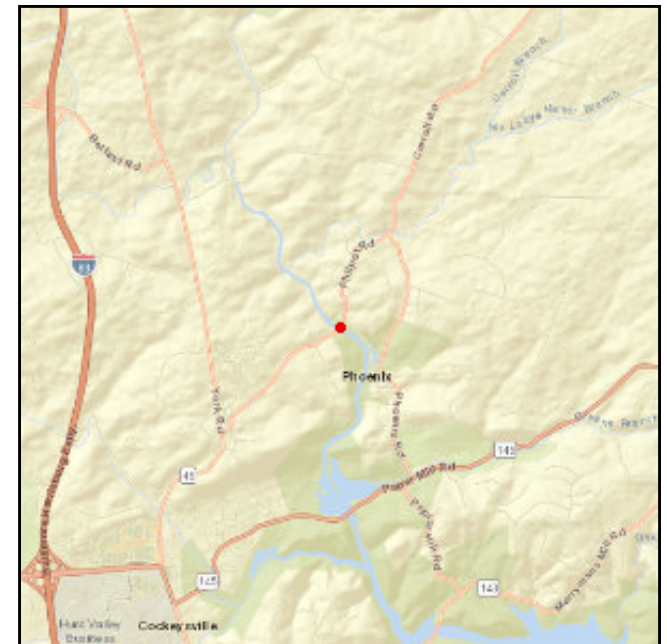
Justification:

The bridge is in overall poor condition and is in need of total replacement.

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Connection to Long-Range Transportation Planning Goals:

- 1.C Improve System Safety -- Eliminate hazardous or substandard conditions.
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Phoenix Road Bridge No. BC6507 over Gunpowder Falls & NCR Trail

(Funding in Thousands)

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program

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JOHN A. OLSZEWSKI, JR.
County Executive

THOMAS KIEFER, *Acting Director*
Department of Public Works

August 18, 2020

Mr. Todd Lang, Director
Transportation Division
Baltimore Metropolitan Council
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Baltimore, MD 21230-4767

Attn: Mr. Zach Kaufman

Re: Phoenix Road Bridge No. BC6507 over Gunpowder Falls & NCR Trail
Transportation Improvement Program (FY 2021-2024)
TIP. ID. 13-2001-13 – Amendment Request
Agency: Baltimore County

Dear Mr. Lang:

We are requesting an amendment to the FY 2021-2024 TIP for Phoenix Road Bridge No. BC6507 over Gunpowder Falls and NCR Trail. Construction funds for FY 2020 will be moved from FY 2020 to FY 2021, necessitating that the project be added to the FY 2021-2024 TIP. The Year of Operation will be revised from 2022 to 2023. There is no change to the funding amounts. Originally, the project was to be advertised in the first half of 2020; however, it has been delayed due to right of way acquisitions. We anticipate the project will be advertised in late 2020 or early 2021. This requested shift of construction funds reflects the revised advertisement date.

This project is unique as the bridge is owned and maintained by the City of Baltimore however located in Baltimore County. Through an agreement between the County, City and the Maryland State Highway Administration, the City will replace this bridge using federal funds intended for projects in Baltimore County. Given the project's location and funding source, it is part of the County's TIP. The federal funding source will be STBG. The local funding source is both the City and County, and adequate funds are available in their respective CIP budgets to address the needs for this proposed revision. Fiscal constraint is maintained for Baltimore County's TIP projects.

The revised TIP forms for this project are attached to this letter.

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Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Kevin Sabolcik of our Structural Design Section at telephone 410-887-8487 or via email at ksabolcik@baltimorecountymd.gov.

Very truly yours,



Jeffrey Peluso, P.E., Chief
Design Division


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Attachments

cc: Christopher Brown – Baltimore City DOT
Juliet Healy – SHA Regional Planning
John Narer – SHA Office of Structures
Elizabeth Wright – SHA Federal Aid Programming Section

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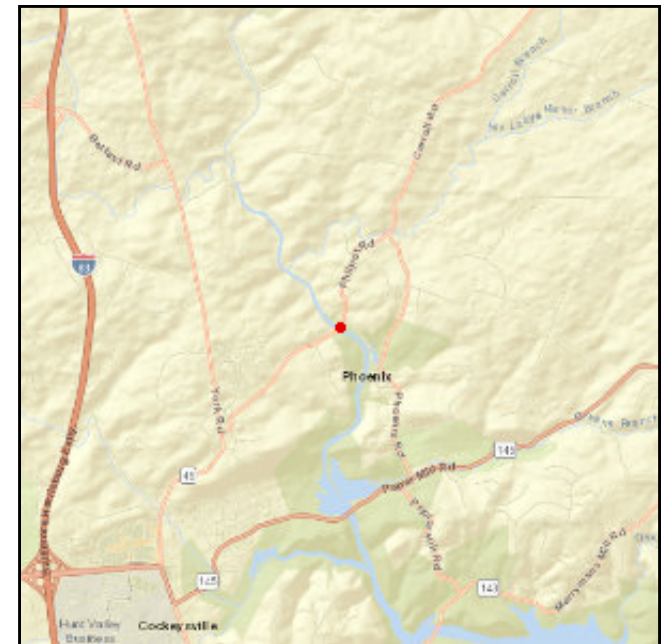
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