

February 29, 2024

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. Daniel 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) hereby amends the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2025 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to add one new project in the FY 2023-2026 National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on behalf of the University of Maryland College Park (UMD).

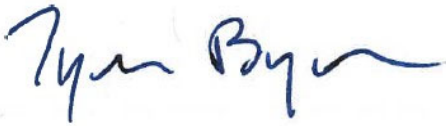
This amendment reflects the University of Maryland’s recent Federal Transit Administration grant award to purchase 35 battery electric transit buses, infrastructure, and charging stations adding one new project and associated funding in FY 2022 to FY 2025 as shown below. This amendment has been assigned MDOT Control #22-105, and this project does not affect capacity and is exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Determination for Visualize 2045.

Project Name	STIP #	TIP #	Funding Source	FY22-FY25 Net Federal Change (in 000’s)
Low- and No-Emissions Grant Award	13600	13600	Sect. 5339, Local	\$39,863

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TPB staff approved the amendment to its TIP on February 2, 2024, and the approval and supporting documentation are attached. Should you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Kari Snyder at 410-865-1305, toll free 888-713-1414 or via e-mail at ksnyder3@mdot.maryland.gov, of course, feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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Tyson Byrne
Regional Planning Manager,
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

Attachments

cc: Ms. Kari Snyder, Regional Planner, OPCP, MDOT

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 23-33.2 WHICH ADDS FUNDING FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND'S LOW- AND NO-EMISSION GRANT AWARD AND FOR THE
NATIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE (NEVI) PROGRAM,
AS REQUESTED BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT)**

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, on June 26, 2023, FTA announced \$1.69 billion in FY 2023 Low- and No-Emission and Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities project selections, which included the University of Maryland as a designated recipient of \$39,863,156 for the purchase of 35 battery-electric buses, supporting infrastructure, and charging equipment; and

WHEREAS, MDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2023-2026 TIP to include TIP Action 23-33.2 which adds approximately \$47.73 million in FTA Sect. 5339(C) and local/university matching funds on behalf of the designated recipient, the University of Maryland, for its **Low- and No-Emissions Grant Award (TIP ID T13600)**, and also adds \$13.718 million to establish the **National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program (TIP ID T13601)** using NEVI, Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), state, and private funding sources, as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, the attached materials include:

- ATTACHMENT A) Programming Overview report showing how these two new program records will appear in the TIP following approval,
- ATTACHMENT B) Two letters from MDOT dated January 22 and January 23, requesting the amendments; and

WHEREAS, both records have been entered in the TPB's Project InfoTrak database under TIP Action 23-33.2, creating the 33rd amended version of the FY 2023-2026 TIP, which supersedes all previous versions of the TIP and can be found online at www.mwcog.org/ProjectInfoTrak; and

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

WHEREAS, this resolution and the amendments to the FY 2023-2026 TIP shall not be considered final until the Transportation Planning Board has had the opportunity to review and accept 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 23-33.2 which adds approximately \$47.73 million in §5339(C) and local/university matching funds on behalf of the designated recipient, the University of Maryland, for its **Low- and No-Emissions Grant Award (TIP ID T13600)**, and also adds \$13.718 million to establish the **National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program (TIP ID T13601)** using NEVI, STBG, state, and private funding, as described in the attached materials.



<i>TIP ID</i>	T13600	<i>Lead Agency</i>	Maryland Department of Transportation - Maryland Transit Administration	<i>Project Type</i>	Bus/BRT - Capital/Expansion
<i>Project Name</i>	University of Maryland Low- and No-Emission Grant Award	<i>County</i>	Prince Georges	<i>Total Cost</i>	\$47,729,697
<i>Project Limits</i>		<i>Municipality</i>	College Park	<i>Completion Date</i>	2024
		<i>Agency Project ID</i>			

Description The University of Maryland, College Park will receive funding to buy battery-electric buses and associated charging equipment to replace older vehicles for their public transportation fleet. The project will ensure continued service reliability, maintain a state of good repair and, by improving air quality, advance environmental justice in the College Park community. 35 Battery Electric Transit Buses, Infrastructure, and Charging Stations for the University of Maryland

Phase	AC/ ACCP	Source	Prior	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Future	4 Year Total	Total	*Not Location Specific
OTHER		LOCAL	-	-	\$7,866,541	-	-	-	\$7,866,541	\$7,866,541	
OTHER		S. 5339 (C)	-	-	\$39,863,156	-	-	-	\$39,863,156	\$39,863,156	
		<i>Total Other</i>	-	-	\$47,729,697	-	-	-	\$47,729,697	\$47,729,697	
		<i>Total Programmed</i>	-	-	\$47,729,697	-	-	-	\$47,729,697	\$47,729,697	

Version History

<i>TIP Document</i>		<i>MPO Approval</i>	<i>FHWA Approval</i>	<i>FTA Approval</i>
23-33.2	Amendment 2023-2026	Pending	Pending	N/A

Current Change Reason

SCHEDULE / FUNDING / SCOPE - New project

January 22, 2024

The Honorable Christina Henderson
Chair
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, NE, Suite 300
Washington DC 20002

Dear Chair Henderson:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) requests the following amendment to the Maryland portion of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for one new project in the FY 2023-2026 TPB TIP on behalf of the University of Maryland as described below and in the attached memo.

This action reflects the University of Maryland's recent Federal Transit Administration grant award to purchase 35 battery electric transit buses, infrastructure, and charging stations. This project is not included in the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2022 Update to Visualize 2045; however, it is not regionally significant enough to affect the air quality determination.

TIP ID	Project	Amount of New Funding (In 000s)	Comment
13600	University of Maryland Low- and No-Emission Grant Award	\$47,730	Adds new project and new 5339 and local funds.

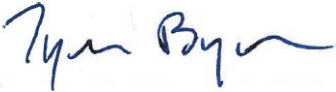
MDOT requests that this amendment be approved at the upcoming TPB Steering Committee meeting.

The revised funding status will not impact scheduling or funding availability for other projects in the current TIP, which continues to be fiscally constrained. The cost does not affect the portion of the federal funding which was programmed for transit, or any allocations of state aid in lieu of federal aid to local jurisdictions.

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We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Should you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Kari Snyder, MDOT Office of Planning and Capital Programming (OPCP) Regional Planner at 410-865-1305, toll free 888-713-1414 or via e-mail at ksnyder3@modt.maryland.gov. Ms. Snyder will be happy to assist you. Of course, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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Tyson Byrne
Regional Planning Manager
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

Attachment

cc: Ms. Kari Snyder, Regional Planner, OPCP, MDOT

Valerie Goubeau
Assistant Director
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University of Maryland
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January 22, 2024

Kari Snyder
Regional Planner
Office of Planning and Capital Programming
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive, Hanover, MD 21076

Dear Ms. Snyder:

Please accept this letter as an official request to the Maryland Department of Transportation to present an amendment to the FY 2023-2026 National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on behalf of the University of Maryland (UMD). UMD also requests that this project be presented as an amendment to the FY 2022-2025 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

UMD was awarded \$39,863,156 from the Federal Transit Administration as part of the Low or No Emission Program. This project will allow the university to replace its aging diesel transit fleet with 35 battery electric transit buses; the project will also fund necessary infrastructure renovations to support on-site charging. Additional information about this program is available at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/lowno>.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Valerie Goubeau
Assistant Director
UMD Department of Transportation Services