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Mr. Robert L. Pennington, P.E.
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Re: West Virginia FY 2013-2016 State Transportation Improvement Program - Amendment #2A

Dear Mr. Pennington:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is in receipt of your May 24, 2013 letter requesting an amendment to the West Virginia FY 2013-2016 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This amendment adds various JARC and New Freedom projects to the STIP for Monongalia County Urban Mass Transit Authority (Mountain Line).

In amending the STIP, FTA understands that the appropriate public involvement procedures have been followed, that the STIP remains fiscally constrained and that the subject amendment was developed in accordance with the January 6, 2005 WVDOT-FTA-FHWA STIP Operating Guidelines and 23 CFR 450. Based upon the information provided and our understanding of the project, FTA approves amendment #2A to the West Virginia FY 2013-2016 STIP. This approval does not constitute a final commitment of Federal funds. Federal funding for transit projects included in the STIP is finalized upon approval of a grant by FTA.

Any questions concerning this approval should be directed to Ms. Kathleen Zubrzycki, Community Planner, at (215) 656-7262.

Sincerely,

Vida Morkunas
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cc: Kevin Burgess, FHWA WV Division
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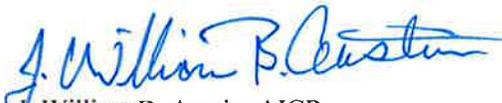
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Dear Mr. Pennington,

Please find enclosed a copy of a resolution amending the Morgantown Monongalia MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the period FY 2012-2014. This document was offered for public comment for ten (10) days in accord with the MPO's Public Involvement Policy. The MPO's TTAC and CAC also reviewed the amendment at publicly advertized meetings. The Policy Board reviewed and provisionally adopted the resolution at a regular advertized meeting on May 16, 2013.

We respectfully request that the Department of Transportation approve the inclusion of these projects to the Morgantown Monongalia MPO's TIP in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Sincerely,


J. William B. Austin, AICP

C: Joe Statler, MPO Chair

Susan O'Connell, WVDOT

Perry Keller, WVDOH



RESOLUTION 5-16-13-1

**THE MORGANTOWN MONONGALIA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
REVISION OF THE REGION'S FY2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

WHEREAS, the Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has been requested by the West Virginia Department of Transportation and the Monongalia Urban Mass Transit Authority to revise the region's FY2012-2014 TIP and:

WHEREAS, the revisions consist of the additions described as follows:

Add to FY 2013

BOWERS LANE (CO88/1) AT MON-FAYETTE EXPRESSWAY PARK AND RIDE LOT-RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION-PROJECT NUMBER CMAQ0881002D TOTAL COST \$5,000 FEDERAL FUNDS \$4,000

BOWERS LANE (CO88/1) AT MONFAYETTE EXPRESSWAY PARK AND RIDE LOT-ENGINEERING-PROJECT NUMBER CMAQ0881001D-TOTAL COST \$160,000 FEDERAL FUNDS \$128,000

BOWERS LANE (CO88/1) AT MONFAYETTE EXPRESSWAY PARK AND RIDE LOT-CONSTRUCTION-PROJECT NUMBER CMAQ0881003D TOTAL COST \$1,051,000 FEDERAL FUNDS \$840,800

MONONGAHELA RIVER TRAIL CONSERVANCY- PURCHASE DUMP TRUCK -PROJECT NUMBER NRT2012694D-TOTAL COST \$70,000 FEDERAL FUNDS \$56,000

I-79 UFFINGTON BRIDGE .046 MILES N. OF I-68 -REPLACE BRIDGE EXPANSION JOINTS-PROJECT NUMBER NHPP0793(237)D TOTAL COST \$300,000 FEDERAL FUNDS \$270,000

I-79 INTERCHANGE-NEW INTERCHANGE .7 MILES N OF US 19, .4 MILES S OF CHAPLIN HILL ROAD (CO19/24)-ENGINEERING -TOTAL COST \$1,000,000 NO STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDS

Add to FY 2014

WALNUT STREET STREETSCAPE PROJECT-CONSTRUCT
WALK/CROSSWALKS-ENGINEERING-PROJECT NUMBER TEA2012602D
TOTAL COST \$52,000 FEDERAL FUNDS \$42,000

WALNUT STREET STREETSCAPE PROJECT-CONSTRUCT
WALK/CROSSWALKS-CONSTRUCTION-PROJECT NUMBER TEA2012602D
TOTAL COST \$297,500 FEDERAL FUNDS \$238,000

WESTOVER DUNKARD AVENUE (WV 100) SIDEWALKS-FROM
GRANVILLE TOWN LINE TO INTERSECTION PA AVE/COLUMBUS
STREET-ENGINEERING-PROJECT NUMBER TEA2012538D TOTAL COST
\$45,000 FEDERAL FUNDS \$36,000

I-79 INTERCHANGE-NEW INTERCHANGE .7 MILES N OF US 19, .4 MILES S
OF CHAPLIN HILL ROAD (CO19/24)-RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION-
TOTAL COST \$500,000 NO STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDS

I-79 INTERCHANGE-NEW INTERCHANGE .7 MILES N OF US 19, .4 MILES S
OF CHAPLIN HILL ROAD (CO19/24)-CONSTRUCTION-TOTAL COST
\$23,500,000 NO STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDS

Add to FY 2015

WESTOVER DUNKARD AVENUE (WV 100) SIDEWALKS-FROM
GRANVILLE TOWN LINE TO INTERSECTION PA AVE/COLUMBUS
STREET-CONSTRUCTION- PROJECT NUMBER TEA2012538D TOTAL COST
\$255,000 FEDERAL FUNDS \$204,000

In addition to the Highway Amendments noted above Mountain Line is proposing to amend the TIP as shown on the following pages.

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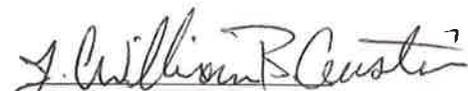
Project Name	Federal Funding Source	Federal Funds	Local Funds	Total Project Cost
Local Service Operating Expenses	FTA 5307	\$1,432,669.00	\$1,432,669.00	\$ 2,865,338.00
Operational Safety & Security	FTA 5307	\$14,326.00	\$2,865.00	\$17,191.00
Grey Line Intercity Service	FTA 5311(f)	\$266,000.00	\$266,000.00	\$532,000.00
Access to Jobs Bus Purchases	FTA 5316 (JARC)	\$901,792.00	\$225,448.00	\$1,127,240.00
Access to Jobs Operating Funds	FTA 5316 (JARC)	\$135,506.00	\$135,506.00	\$271,012.00
Senior Transportation Services	FTA 5317 (New Freedom)	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00
Regional Mobility Coordination	FTA 5317 (New Freedom)	\$80,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
Wayfinding Technology (talking bus)	FTA 5317 (New Freedom)	\$106,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$133,000.00
Accessibility Improv. - WO sidewalks	FTA 5317 (New Freedom)	\$105,398.00	\$26,350.00	\$131,748.00
Commuter Van Pool Start-Up	CMAQ Funds	\$50,000.00	\$ -	\$50,000.00
Bus Purchases	FTA 5339	\$125,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$150,000.00
Bus Purchases	FTA 5309	\$560,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$720,000.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the MPO FY2012-2014 Transportation Improvement Program be revised as indicated above.

ADOPTED, this 16th day of May 2013, at a regular meeting of the Greater Morgantown Metropolitan Planning Organization.

ATTEST:


 Joe Statler
 Chairman


 J. William B. Austin
 Secretary

Transportation Improvement Plan

Description of Plan Amendments

March 13, 2013

This TIP Amendment includes three primary changes:

- 1) Continuation of all projects from FY 2012 to FY 2013
- 2) Addition of a New Freedom Way finding Project, and
- 3) Addition of a facility sidewalk project to enhance mobility

- 1) Continuation of All Projects – All TIP projects were previously programmed using the Authority’s fiscal year, beginning July 1 and ending June 30 of each year. FTA has directed that TIP Projects should be based on the October federal fiscal year and projects should be programmed based on the federal fiscal year in which the grant application will be submitted and approved by FTA.
- 2) Way Finding Project – this project was planned for existing, New Freedom Grant funds. Due to the timing of funds release the original New Freedom Grant is expiring and may not be amended in a timely manner. This change, combined with other unrelated project changes has resulted in application for new funds to place way finding technology on all deviating fixed route buses. This project will provide for GPS controlled and automated internal and external route and stop announcements on all 35 of the Authority’s revenue service deviating fixed route buses. This equipment will assist persons with visual impairments as they navigate the bus system. Additionally, this new technology will be integrated with our existing exterior route signage and will automatically update the destination signs which will assist all passengers, and particularly persons with hearing impairments, in determining route direction and destinations. This technology will also allow GPS location of boardings by passenger with mobility and other impairments which will in turn enable the Authority to plan future shelter and service facility improvements to better meet the needs of persons with disabilities.
- 3) Facility Sidewalk Project – This project will construct a public sidewalk connecting the Authority’s Westover Administrative Facility with the Westover Grey Line facility. Currently, there is no pedestrian connection between the two locations, frequently traveled by riders, the general public and persons with disabilities. The WV DOH is providing design services for this project which will be constructed within DOH right of way.

Transportation Improvement Plan

Description of Plan Amendments

April 10, 2013

This TIP Amendment includes two primary changes implemented annually based on MAP-21 Section 5339 funding and continuing JARC 5316 projects into FY 2013:

1) Addition of bus purchases under MAP-21, Section 5339

This Amendment provides for the purchase of two buses using 5339 funds allocated by the WV Division of Public Transit. These units are planned for purchase from the State's existing contract, PTR-12029 and are subject to the Governor's Apportionment and purchase of these buses by the WV Division of Public Transit. These units are not actually being purchased by funds received by Mountain Line, but new interpretation and requirement by the Federal Transit Administration requires this amendment and public hearing process.

As the Authority is not actually buying any equipment, this proposal is fiscally constrained and relies on FTA 5339 funds reasonably expected to be approved and apportioned by FTA and the Governor of West Virginia and designees. The Authority may be providing local match or local funds for any costs beyond the 80%/20% purchase ratio provided for under MAP-21, Section 5339. The schedule for bus replacement is as follows (see attached chart for additional information):

2013 Bus Replacements, Fleet Numbers 297 and 298

2014 Bus Replacements, Fleet Numbers 114 and 115

2015 Bus Replacements, Fleet Numbers 118 and 119

Additional vehicle replacements are planned, although MAP-21 will require replacement legislation or Congressional extension beyond 2015.

As an additional note, it is assumed that although these vehicles will be titled to the State of West Virginia, Division of Public Transit, the vehicles will be insured and depreciated by Mountain Line Transit Authority.

- 2) This project has two parts: a) continuation of service through the Authority's Downtown Mall PM bus route, b) consolidation of the Pink Line, Purple Line, Green Line
- a. Downtown Mall PM

This bus service is a continuation of an existing JARC funded deviating bus route that operates on hourly headways between 6:00 pm and 12:30 am, Monday through Saturday. This service connects Evansdale, Ruby Hospital, Downtown Morgantown, various places of employment through Westover, and numerous places of employment at the Morgantown Mall. This bus route serves as the primary connector to major employers in the service industries (primarily retail/food service and medical) and offers employment access for shift work and evening jobs.

b. Pink Purple

This service is continuation of the Pink and Purple Lines, as well as realignment with the Green Line bus service. These services have been changed using JARC funding to improve and increase frequency of these services. Due to congestion, these routes often missed connections. These routes serve the same major employers as the Downtown Mall PM above, as well as Job Service, Wal-Mart South, the Municipal Airport, the Mileground, Glenmark Retail Center, and a Major residential corridor that is the ridership source of many of the trips to these employment and job training destinations.

Billing Note: Billing JARC Amended

Regular JARC service billing

Pink/Purple Line - \$194,310 total cost – Bill at \$28.75 per hour of service scheduled (3,238 hours total) = do not exceed \$45,168 for the year

Green Line -\$196,560 total cost – Bill at \$28.75 per hour of service scheduled (3,276 hours total) = do not exceed \$45,168 for the year

Downtown Mall PM - \$126,360 – Bill at \$28.75 per hour of service scheduled (2,100 hours total) = so not exceed \$45,168 for the year

Total eligible expenses are \$247,652, but funds available are only \$135,506

Supplemental JARC allocation

Note: See Hours of Service and Cost Allocation Plan from adopted FY 2011-12 Budget for supporting documentation.

TIP Funding Summary - Federal Projects (in 000s)

In most instances Federal funds equal 80% of project cost

Category	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	Post FY 2016	Total
National Highway System (NHS/NHPP)	\$1,390,000	\$1,200,000	\$2,770,000	\$0			\$0	\$5,360,000
Enhancement Funding (EH/TAP)	\$240,000	\$0	\$406,000	\$561,000			\$0	\$1,207,000
Interstate Maintenance (IM)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0
Surface Transportation Program (STP)*	\$8,000,200	\$9,672,000	\$20,664,200	\$14,760,000	\$15,200,000		\$0	\$68,296,400
Bridge Program (BR)	\$3,228,000	\$603,200	\$0	\$465,280			\$0	\$4,296,480
National Rec. Trail (NRT)	\$62,720	\$0	\$10,637	\$0			\$0	\$73,357
Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act (TEA)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)	\$0	\$0	\$1,532,800	\$4,640,000			\$0	\$6,172,800
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	\$1,170,000	\$0	\$1,886,000	\$1,350,000			\$0	\$4,406,000
Earmarks (If not included in another category)	\$974,000	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$0	\$974,000
Pending Fund Type	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0
Total Highway Funding	\$15,064,920	\$11,475,200	\$27,269,637	\$21,776,280	\$15,200,000		\$0	\$90,786,037
Transit Funding**								
FTA Section 5307	\$700,000	\$1,432,669	\$1,432,669	\$1,640,774	\$1,075,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,075,000	\$8,431,112
FTA Section 5307 (STIC)*	\$266,000	\$14,326	\$14,326	\$16,408	\$10,750	\$10,750	\$10,750	\$343,310
FTA 5309	\$828,000	\$3,360,000	\$1,405,000	\$1,975,000				
FTA Section 5311	\$255,000	\$266,000	\$266,000	\$266,000	\$266,000	\$266,000	\$266,000	\$1,851,000
FTA Section 5316	\$175,000	\$901,792	\$901,792		\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$2,503,584
FTA Section 5317	\$50,000	\$130,000	\$341,398	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$1,041,398
CMAQ		\$50,000	\$50,000					
FTA Section 5339			\$125,000					
Total Transit Funding	\$2,274,000	\$6,154,787	\$4,536,185	\$4,028,182	\$1,656,750	\$1,656,750	\$1,656,750	\$14,170,404
Total Highway and Transit	\$17,338,920	\$17,629,987	\$31,805,822	\$25,804,462	\$16,856,750	\$1,656,750	\$1,656,750	\$104,956,441

*Small Transit Intensive Cities

**Includes revisions approved 3-21-2013 and 5-16-13