BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #09-16

RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) 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, and Howard, and the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of the Environment, and the Maryland Department of Planning; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Congress amended the Clean Air Act (CAA) to bolster America's efforts to attain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The amendments required further reductions in the amount of permissible tailpipe emissions, initiated more stringent control measures in areas that still failed to attain the NAAQS (nonattainment areas), and provided for a stronger, more rigorous linkage between transportation and air quality planning; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore region is a moderate nonattainment area for the 8-hour ozone NAAQS, nonattainment for the fine particulate matter standard, and in a maintenance phase for the carbon monoxide standard; and

WHEREAS, the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program, jointly administered by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), was reauthorized in 2005 under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The SAFETEA-LU CMAQ program provides over $8.6 billion dollars in funds to State Departments of Transportation, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and transit agencies to invest in projects that reduce criteria air pollutants regulated from transportation-related sources over a period of five years (2005-2009); and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Transportation has allocated one million dollars in CMAQ funds to the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board to solicit and implement emission reduction projects in the Baltimore region for state fiscal year 2009 funding; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2007 the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region approved the

competitive selection process for the use of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding in the Baltimore region and opened the application process on August 29, 2008 and closed it on November 4, 2008. Applications were reviewed by a Technical Evaluation Group and recommendations were compiled by a CMAQ Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, under the Board's second competitive selection process to fund CMAQ projects, the CMAQ Subcommittee is providing the attached list of recommended projects (See Attachment), along with their recommended funding levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board will work cooperatively with the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration to initiate the attached list of projects for funding under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region approved the aforementioned resolution at its March 24, 2009 meeting.

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Date

Carl Balser, Chairman
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

Attachment 1

Baltimore Regional Transportation Board
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Competitive Selection Process FY 2009

CMAQ Subcommittee Recommendations for Project Funding

Applicant	Description	CMAQ $ Requested	CMAQ $ Recommended	Sponsor Match $	Total Project Cost $	Comment
Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works, Traffic Engineering Division - **Adaptive Control Software Project**	Deploy innovative signal timing software at 12 signalized intersections on Riva Road in Anne Arundel County.	$112,960	$112,960	$28,240	$141,200	The project sponsor will be asked to report back to the Traffic Signal Subcommittee.
Baltimore City Department of Transportation – **Support to Downtown Circulator**	Provide funding for 70 bus stop pylons and automated passenger counters for 21 buses.	$418,950	$375,040	$41,526,645	$41,945,595	This project supports Baltimore City's new shuttle service to begin July 2009.
Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning, Transportation Planning - **Hybrid Electric Buses**	Purchase 2 diesel hybrid electric buses for use by the Howard Transit Service.	$392,000	$392,000	$698,000	$1,090,000	The BRTB previously approved FY 08 funding for 1 hybrid bus.
Baltimore City Department of Transportation and Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Inc. - **Transportation Management Association**	Provide a second year of funding support for TMA operations, and, provide funding for TMA initiatives.	$120,000	$120,000	$30,000	$150,000	The TMA will be asked to participate in periodic meetings with other TMA's in the region to discuss status and activities.

Total CMAQ Funding Recommended = $1,000,000