

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD RESOLUTION #09-17

ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE 2008-2012 BALTIMORE REGION TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE FUNDING FROM THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

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, and Howard, the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of the Environment, and the Maryland Department of Planning; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which appropriates \$48.1 billion dollars for transportation infrastructure nationwide, including \$35.2 billion in formula funding was signed into law; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's share of formula funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is estimated at \$610 million to be directed at maintaining and improving existing transit systems, roads and bridges; and, that these funds will be distributed to a wide range of "fix-it first" projects to allow the benefit to be felt by workers and families in every region of the state; and

WHEREAS, under Phase One of the One Maryland Transportation Recovery Program, \$365 million in highway and transit federal formula funded projects will be ready for advertising by mid-March 2009 (Highway) or late June 2009 (Transit) supporting approximately 9,900 jobs; and

WHEREAS, under Phase One, the Baltimore region is estimated to receive an estimated \$70 million in highway funds for resurfacing, safety, environmental and bridge projects as well as an estimated \$126 million in transit funding for bus vehicle purchases, MARC station improvements, Metro system improvements and local bus facilities (see Attachment 1); and

WHEREAS, the highway and transit projects in the Baltimore region being funded under Phase One are for system preservation and therefore programmatically exempt from conformity analysis, and will not worsen the region's air quality, delay the timely attainment of national air quality standards or interfere with implementation of any transportation control measures; and, that the addition of these projects meet conformity requirements as stated in the Conformity Rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93); and

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

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region at its November 27, 2007 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Transportation has requested an administrative modification to the 2008-2012 Baltimore Region Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation Improvement Program amendment process; 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 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity, Act: A Legacy for Users are met; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approves the projects listed in Attachment 1 as an administrative modification to the 2008-2012 Baltimore Region Transportation 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 February 24, 2009 meeting.

Date

Carl Balsler, Chairman
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

Attachment 1

Transit Projects			
Location	Description	Cost (\$M)	Estimated Jobs
Regional	Bus - procurement and equipment	65.6	1561
Regional	Light Rail - system renewal and improvements	5.3	126
Anne Arundel Co	MARC – BWI station renovation	3.0	71
Baltimore Co	MARC – Martins yard improvements	0.4	8
Baltimore City	MARC – Penn station improvements	4.0	95
Regional	Metro – fastener and bolt replacement	3.1	74
Regional	Metro – public address system	6.1	145
Regional	Metro – station restoration	5.0	119
Baltimore City	Metro – tunnel and underground station repairs	4.5	107
Regional	Metro – bridge & elevated structures rehabilitation	4.8	114
Regional	Metro – railcar truck overhaul	20.3	483
Annapolis, AA, HO	Local transit vehicles / facilities (urban)	2.0	
Harford	Local transit vehicles / facilities (small urban)	1.0	
All jurisdictions	Local transit vehicles / facilities (rural)	1.4	
	Transit Total	126.5 est.	
Highway Projects			
Howard	I-95: I-495 to MD 100 - median	0.2	6
BA, HA, CL	Safety: guardrail	1.0	29
Anne Arundel	Safety: guardrail	1.0	29
BA, HA, CL	Safety: ADA contract for District 4	2.3	66
Anne Arundel	Safety: ADA contract for District 5	2.9	83
HO, CL	Safety: ADA contract for District 7	1.1	32
HO, HA	Truck Weigh/Inspection Stations Full Depth Concrete Repair	0.6	17
BA, HA, CL, HO, AA	Install/Upgrade Areawide Signing	1.3	37
BA, HA, CL, HO, AA	Traffic Detection at Signalized Intersections	0.5	14
Anne Arundel	Areawide resurfacing	4.6	132
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Baltimore Co	Areawide resurfacing, west of I-83	4.6	132
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Carroll Co	Areawide resurfacing	2.3	66
BA, HA, CL	Safety and ADA improvements associated with resurfacing projects	0.4	11
Anne Arundel	Safety and ADA improvements associated with resurfacing projects	0.4	11
Harford Co	Areawide resurfacing	4.6	132
Harford Co	Resurfacing - MD 543: Wheel Rd to MD 22	1.7	49
Howard Co	Areawide resurfacing	4.6	132
Baltimore City	Resurfacing – Park Heights Ave: Northern Parkway to Garrison Blvd	2.4	69
Baltimore City	Resurfacing – Hilton St: Frederick Ave to Mulberry St	1.5	43

Baltimore City	Resurfacing – Frankford Ave: Sinclair Lane to Moravia Park Drive	1.3	37
HO, CL	Safety and ADA improvements associated with resurfacing projects	0.2	6
Baltimore City	Reconstruction – Orleans St: Central Ave to Wolfe St	10.9	313
Baltimore City	Reconstruction – Northern Parkway: Falls Rd to Park Heights Ave	11.0	316
	Highway Total	70.6 est.	