



Baltimore Metropolitan Council
2700 Lighthouse Point East, Suite 310
Baltimore, Maryland 21224-4774

www.baltometro.org
Phone: (410) 732-0500
Fax: (410) 732-8248

MEMORANDUM

TO: BRTB Members

FROM: Harvey S. Bloom

DATE: April 14, 2009

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #9 – Resolution #09-21 – Approval of an Administrative Modification to the 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program to Include Funding from the ARRA of 2009

ACTION: Approval

Attached is Resolution #09-21 approving the inclusion of funds from the ARRA Act of 2009 into the 2008-2012 TIP. The BRTB will be asked to approve this resolution at the April 28, 2009 meeting.

Attachment

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #09-21**

**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 \$564.9 million (does not include WMATA) 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 Two of the One Maryland Transportation Recovery Program, \$37.4 million in highway federal formula funded projects are ready for advertising as listed in Attachment 1 that are directed to 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 April 28 meeting.

Date

Carl Balsler, Chairman
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

**American Recovery Reinvestment – Maryland Highway Projects Baltimore Region
Phase 2**

Location	Description	Cost (\$M)	Estimated Jobs
ENVIRONMENTAL			
Regional	Wetland planting and reforestation in District 5	0.1	tbd
Regional	Wetland planting and reforestation in Districts 4 & 7	0.5	tbd
	Total	0.6	
TRAFFIC & SAFETY PROJECTS			
Anne Arundel	Traffic Signal Reconstruction at: MD 2 and MD 710	2.3	tbd
Regional	Dynamic Message Signs Deployment	1.3	tbd
Regional	Sign Lighting System (Lumitrak)	0.5	tbd
Regional	Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS)/Light Emitting Diode (LED) in Districts 3, 6 & 7	1.7	tbd
Regional	UPS/LED in Districts 1, 2, 4 & 5	1.5	tbd
Regional	Interstate Highway Lighting	5.6	tbd
Regional	Traffic Detection at Signalized Intersections	0.6	tbd
Baltimore Co	Traffic Signal Reconstruction at: MD 7, MD 157 and MD 700	2.3	tbd
Carroll	Geometric Improvements: MD 27 at MD 140 Ramps	1.0	tbd
Carroll	Left turn lane: MD 26 at Klees Mill Road	2.3	tbd
	Total	19.1	
RESURFACING PROJECTS			
Baltimore Co	I-83: Downes Road to PA Line and ramps at MD 45, Mt. Carmel Road and Middletown Road	4.6	tbd
Howard	US 29: Brokenland Parkway to Middle Patuxent River (southbound)	5.1	tbd
	Total	9.7	tbd
BRIDGE PROJECTS			
Baltimore City	Argonne Drive Bridge	8.0	tbd
	Total	8	
Baltimore Region total (\$ millions)		37.4	