

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #10-23**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND A BALTIMORE CITY APPLICATION
FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE FY 2008
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 2008 funding; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board endorsed a list of CMAQ projects on March 25, 2008. Since that time a particular filter for fire truck retrofits is not

available, in its place Baltimore City has located filters (Attachment 1) for other eligible vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board will convey to the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration this project amendment to initiate 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 May 25, 2010 meeting.

Date

Frank M. Johnson, Chairman
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

**Baltimore Regional Transportation Board
FY 2008 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program**

Applicant	Description	CMAQ \$ Recommendation	Sponsor Match \$	Total Project Cost \$	Comment
Baltimore City Department of Public Works - Fire Department DPF Retrofit	Retrofit 26 fire trucks using EPA-verified diesel particulate filters.	\$225,000	\$56,250	\$281,250	Delete funding since there are no EPA-verified diesel particulate filters for the particular type of fire trucks identified.
Baltimore City – Heavy Duty Truck Fleet	Retrofit 13 (5-Ton) Dump Trucks with Huss-DPF Filters. They are EPA and CARB approved	\$225,000	\$58,500	\$283,500	Add funding for eligible replacement project.