

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE BALTIMORE REGION FY 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) BY THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) OF THE BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD (BRTB)

WHEREAS, the BRTB, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region responsible for transportation planning and policy making for the Baltimore region, has prepared the proposed amendments to the 2011 – 2014 TIP and requested comment on its content from the CAC; and

WHEREAS, the CAC Serves as an advisory body to the BRTB, charged with providing independent, region-oriented citizen advice to the BRTB on issues related to the development of the Baltimore Regional Transportation Plan (BRTPL), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and amendments that affect the region’s conformity with federal air quality requirements, the public involvement process, regionally significant land use issues, and other regional transportation-related issues, as appropriate, promotes public awareness and participation in the regional transportation planning process and promotes equity in the regional transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the CAC has reviewed the FY 2011 – 2014 TIP Amendment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the following comments pertaining to the amendments to the 2011 – 2014 TIP are hereby submitted by the CAC to the BRTB for consideration of incorporation into the projects:

TIP # 63-0601-41 ‘I-695 Widening Between I-95 and MD 122 and Study for a new Ramp Near Leeds Avenue and US 1

The CAC endorses the proposed TIP amendment conditional on the following provisions:

1. Greater detail is required under the section ‘Justification’;
 - a. Define the communities potentially impacted by the by the proposed ramp.
 - b. Describe the potential impacts to the capacity of I-695
2. Describe the accommodations proposed or anticipated for the improved MARC station access (e.g. parking, station improvements.
3. Of the proposed lanes added to I-695, one in each direction shall be designated as MTA and HOV only.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the CAC thanks the BRTB for this opportunity to participate through this opportunity to comment on the BRTB TIP Amendments. The CAC thanks the BRTB staff for facilitating our participation.

Submitted by;

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Chair, Policy and Legislation Sub Committee

Minority Comments:

- Study needs to look at extra lane for HOV and express bus lanes.
- Regarding HOV lanes-- Not clear that the congestion is sufficient to justify the use.
- Inform neighborhood associations and elected officials in area where project will be occurring.