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Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

MEMORANDUM

TO: Martin E. Nohe, Chairman
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

Members
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

FROM: Tom Biesiadny, Chairman
Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

SUBJECT: JACC Action to Reallocate CMAQ and RSTP Funds for the City of Fairfax
(Agenda Item 6.A.)

DATE: May 8, 2009

On September 11, 2008, the NVTA delegated to the Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee the authority to approve requests to reallocate Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding between projects which were previously approved by the NVTA.

On April 20, 2009, the City of Fairfax requested the following reallocations after completing a review of older CMAQ and RSTP projects (see attachments):

- Reallocate \$63,186.61 in CMAQ funds from the Traffic Signal Optimization Project (UPC 70584) to Traffic Signal Controller Upgrades (UPC 82838), since the City now has an on-going traffic signal optimization program and no longer needs federal funding support for this program.
- Reallocate \$716.94 in CMAQ funds from the Traffic Signal System Central Computer (UPC 70585) to Traffic Signal Controller Upgrades (UPC 82838) since the central computer was purchased and installed below budget.
- Reallocate \$146,924.39 in CMAQ funds from Installation of Bus Shelters (UPC 50562) to Traffic Signal Controller Upgrades (UPC 82838); since the City has had trouble securing private easements for the bus shelter project.
- Reallocate \$2,488,852.59 in RSTP funds from George Mason Boulevard (UPC 14650) to Replacement of Route 123 Bridge (UPC 89891); since George Mason Boulevard was funded from other sources.

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- Reallocate \$17,795.51 in RSTP funds from Traffic Monitoring Video Cameras (UPC 57070) to Additional Traffic Monitoring Video Cameras (UPC 85378); since the cost of the original cameras was below budget.
- Reallocate \$250,000 in RSTP funds from Installation of Dynamic Message Signs (UPC 70579) to Route 29 Spot Improvements (UPC 71614); since the dynamic message signs are no longer a City priority.
- Reallocate \$1,650,000 in RSTP funds from the Widening of Fairfax Boulevard (Route 123 to the west city limits) to Route 29 Spot Improvements (UPC 71614); since the City no longer plans to widen this section of Fairfax Boulevard to six lanes.

The JACC approved this request on April 30, 2009. NVTA's delegation requires that the JACC notify the NVTA of these requests. This reallocation request was emailed to the NVTA members on May 6, 2009. To date, no comments have been received from NVTA members. If no comments are received by the end of the day on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, I will send the attached letter to VDOT District Administrator Morteza Salehi asking that the funds be reallocated.

Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee members, City of Fairfax staff, and I will be available at the May 14, 2009, NVTA meeting to answer questions.

Cc: Members, NVTA Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee

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May 12, 2009

Mr. Morteza Salehi
District Administrator
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Reference: Request to Reallocate City of Fairfax CMAQ and RSTP Funds

Dear Mr. Salehi:

On September 11, 2008, the NVTa delegated the authority to approve requests to reallocate Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding between projects that were previously approved by the NVTa to the Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee (JACC).

On April 20, 2009, the City of Fairfax requested the following reallocations:

- Reallocate \$63,186.61 in CMAQ funds from the Traffic Signal Optimization Project (UPC 70584) to Traffic Signal Controller Upgrades (UPC 82838), since the City now has an on-going traffic signal optimization program and no longer needs federal funding support for it.
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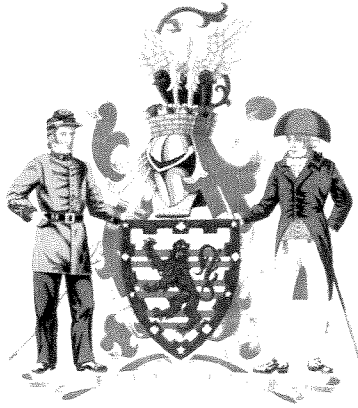
NVTA's delegation requires that the JACC notify the NVTA of these requests. The JACC approved the City's requests on April 30, 2009, and the NVTA was informed on May 6, 2009. The NVTA has not objected to this reallocation.

Please take the necessary steps to reallocate these funds in the Transportation Improvement Program and the State Transportation Improvement Program. If you have questions, please let me know. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Tom Biesiadny, Chairman
Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee

Cc: Martin E. Nohe, Chairman, NVTA
Robert McDonald, Transportation Planning Section, VDOT
Randy Hodgson, Transportation Planning Section, VDOT
Richard Burke, Urban Program Manager, VDOT
Alex Verzosa, Transportation Director, City of Fairfax



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Dear Mr. Biesiadny:

The City of Fairfax would like to transfer excess RSTP funds to other top priority projects. Following is a breakdown:

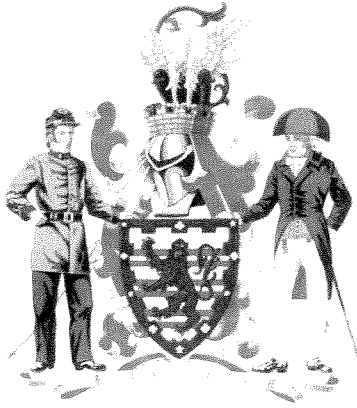
- From UPC 14650 (George Mason Boulevard formerly University Drive Relocated) to UPC 89891 (Replacement of Route 123 Bridge). Transfer \$2,488,852.59. In order to complete George Mason Boulevard in a timely manner, the City used Urban funds and revenue sharing funds to complete this project. Therefore, RSTP funds are no longer required for this project.
- From UPC 57070 (Traffic Monitoring Video Cameras) to UPC 85378 (Additional Traffic Monitoring Video Cameras). Transfer \$17,795.51. The cost of the original 9 video cameras was below the budget. The additional video cameras need additional funds.
- From UPC 70579 (Installation Dynamic Message Signs) to UPC 71614 (Route 29 Spot Improvements). Transfer \$250,000. The City Council decided that installation of dynamic message signs was no longer a priority and there would like to transfer RSTP funds to the Route 29 Spot Improvements project which is one of the City's top priority projects This project is currently under design. Additional funds for construction are required.
- From UPC 17690 (Widening of Fairfax Boulevard (Route 29/50) from Chain Bridge Road (Route 123) to the west city limits) to UPC 71614 (Route 29 Spot Improvements). Transfer \$1,650,000. The City Council is now looking at implementing a Master Plan for this corridor. The plan no longer calls for the widening of this section to six lanes which was the original purpose of these RSTP funds. However, the Route 29 Spot Improvements project which is located along the Route 29/50 corridor needs additional construction funds.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 703-385-7889 or averzosa@fairfaxva.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: Robert Sisson, City Manager
David Summers, Director of Public Works
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Dear Mr. Biesiadny:

The City of Fairfax would like to consolidate left over CMAQ funds from previous projects into one of the City's top priority projects. Following is a breakdown:

- From UPC 70584 (Traffic Signal Optimization) to UPC 82838 (New Traffic Signal Controllers with Fiber Optic Modems). Transfer \$63,186.61. The City now has an on-going program to optimize traffic signals. Therefore, there is no longer a need for these excess funds for signal optimization.
- From UPC 70585 (Traffic Signal System Central Computer) to UPC 82838 (New Traffic Signal Controllers with Fiber Optic Modems). Transfer \$716.94. The cost of the traffic signal system central computer was below the budget.
- From UPC 50562 (Installation of Bus Shelters) to UPC 82838 (New Traffic Signal Controllers with Fiber Optic Modems). Transfer \$146,924.39. The City has great difficulty obtaining easements from the private sector to continue installing bus shelters.

The City currently has extensive fiber optic cables connecting traffic signals to the traffic signal system central computer. However, the City's current controllers are more than 10 years and do not have fiber optic modems. By replacing these old controllers with new controllers with fiber optic modems the City can enhance and more reliably communicate with the traffic signals from the City's traffic operations center.

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