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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: Update on TIP Amendments (Agenda Item 5.E.)

DATE: February 9, 2010

VDOT submitted an FY 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment to the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) for approval in February (attached). The amendment is summarized below. The TPB Steering Committee approved the amendment on February 5, 2010.

Ways to Work Project. The amendment adds \$0.5 million in Federal Transit Administration Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) funding for loans to low income families to purchase cars in order to have transportation to jobs. The funding consists of \$0.25 million in grant funds matched with \$0.25 million in Ways to Work program funds.

Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee members and I will be available at the February 11, 2010, NVTA meeting to answer questions.

Cc: Members, NVTA Jurisdiction and Agency Coordinating Committee

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002**

**RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO
THE FY 2010- 2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS
EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO ADD FUNDING FOR
THE WAYS TO WORK PROGRAM, AS REQUESTED BY THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) ON BEHALF OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA FAMILY SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), which is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington Region, has the responsibility under the provisions of Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2009 the TPB adopted the FY 2010-2015 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of February 4, 2010 VDOT has requested an amendment to the FY 2010-2015 TIP to add \$500,000 for the Ways to Work Program administered by the Northern Virginia Family Service organization using Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funds from the Federal Transit Administration and a 50% local match, as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, this project is exempt from the air quality conformity requirement, as defined in Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations "40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments: Flexibility and Streamlining; Final Rule," issued in the May 6, 2005, *Federal Register*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2010-2015 TIP to add \$500,000 for the Ways to Work Program administered by the Northern Virginia Family Service organization using Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funds from the Federal Transit Administration and a 50% local match, as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Steering Committee of the Transportation Planning Board at its regular meeting on February 5, 2010.



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February 4, 2010

National Capital Region
Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

The Honorable David Snyder
Chairman, National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
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Dear Chairman Snyder:

On behalf of the Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS), VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office requests amending the FY 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include a Federal Transit Administration "Job Access and Reverse Commute" (JARC) grant that NVFS has received. In 2009, Congress re-programmed a 2002 Virginia earmark in the amount of \$1 million for the "Ways to Work" (WtW) program in Virginia. Of that amount, \$250,000 has been assigned to NVFS to operate a WtW program in the Northern Virginia region. The program provides loans to low income families for car purchases to ensure transportation to jobs, thus improving economic stability. The WtW program is not a pilot program but an established program. Ways to Work, Inc., which is the national office of the WtW program, will be the recipient of the JARC funds. In order to access these assigned funds, Ways to Work, Inc., must certify to the FTA that the WtW loan program funds are included in the regional TIP. The proposed TIP entry is below.


Ways to Work Project. The proposed amendment will add \$0.5 million in FTA JARC grant funds to be used for the loans to low income families to purchase cars in order to have transportation to jobs. The funding consists of \$0.25 million in grant funds matched with \$0.25 million by the Ways to Work program.

The project will not affect the currently approved air quality conformity analyses.

The attached table presents the revised project funding for the FY 2010-2015 TIP. Also attached is a copy of the letter of request from the President and CEO of Northern Virginia Family Services which will manage the WtW program in Northern Virginia. VDOT requests that this amendment be approved by the TPB's Steering Committee at its February 5, 2010, meeting. Upon approval of this amendment, please furnish copies of the approval to Ms. Jo Anne Sorenson (VDOT's Northern Virginia office) and to Mr. Chad Tucker in VDOT's Transportation and Mobility Planning Division in Richmond.

Thank you for your consideration of and action on this request.

Sincerely,


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District Administrator
VDOT – Northern Virginia District

cc: Ms. Diane Mitchell, VDOT-PD (w/ attach.)
Ms. Marie Berry VDRPT “
Ms. Deborah Grant, VDOT-PD “
Ms. Jo Anne Sorenson, VDOT-NoVA “



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Dear Mr. Srikanth:

As per our discussion with Beth Newman at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, please consider our request to amend the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to include Northern Virginia Family Service's Ways to Work project.

In 2009, Congress re-programmed a 2002 Virginia earmark in the amount of \$1 million for Ways to Work programs in Virginia. These funds are through the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program of the Federal Transit Administration. \$250,000 of the earmark has been assigned to Northern Virginia Family Service. The funding is for a three-year period and will be used to operate a WtW in the Northern Virginia region inclusive of the following counties; Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William and it the cities of Alexandria, Manassas, Manassas Park and Winchester.

The Ways to Work (WtW) program provides loans to low-income families for car purchases to ensure transportation to jobs, and subsequent economic stability. Loan recipients repay the loan over two years at a moderate interest rate, and then the money is made available to other applicants. Eligibility qualifications are stringent and repayment rates are strong. This is not a pilot program, but an established program with a documented record of success.

Ways to Work, Inc., the national office of the WtW program, is the primary recipient of the JARC funds. Ways to Work, Inc. is the sister organization of the Alliance for Children and Families and is supported by a wide variety of private and public partners, including the Bank of America, the McKnight Foundation, the United States Department of Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and many others.

In order to access these funds Ways to Work, Inc. must submit an application to the Federal Transit Administration. In this application, Ways to Work, Inc. must certify to the FTA that the loan program is included in the area Metropolitan Transportation Organization's (MPO) TIP.

We appreciate your willingness to work with our organization to complete this task. I hope the information included in this packet is helpful, and thank you again for your assistance. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703.219.2100 or magee@nvfs.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Agee
President and CEO



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**NORTHERN VIRGINIA
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)**

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	Source Total
Human Service Transportation Coordination									
Ways To Work Program									
TIP ID: 5728	Agency ID:	Title: Ways to Work Program						Complete:	
Facility:	Section 5316	50//50	500 e						500
From:	(JARC)								
To:									Total Funds: 500

Description: The Ways to Work (WtW) program provides loans to low-income families for car purchases to ensure transportation to jobs, and subsequent economic stability. Loan recipients repay the loan over two years at a moderate interest rate, and then the money is made available to other applicants. Eligibility qualifications are stringent and repayment rates are strong.

This project is submitted by the Virginia Department of Transportation on behalf of Northern Virginia Family Service.

Amendment	Approved on: 2/5/2010
Add project to FY 2010-2015 TIP with \$250,000 in JARC funds and \$250,000 in matching local funds.	