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Subject: RE: STIP Amd #3 - ARRA

Information regarding FY 2010 STIP amendment #3 has been reviewed. The request was transmitted via e-mail on November 30, 2009, and included a copy of the transmittal letter from the Secretary. The amendment involves two projects funded by ARRA that will be administered by FHWA: the addition of one project in the Roanoke area (UPC #94089) and the addition of funding to the 'Preventative Maintenance and System Preservation' project grouping in the Tri-Cities area. None of the projects will be administered jointly by FHWA and FTA.

The request transmitted by e-mail also included evidence that the affected MPOs have taken appropriate action to account for the projects and the ARRA funding in their TIP. Further, the projects represented by the addition of funding in the Tri-Cities area are considered air quality neutral and will not affect the air quality conformity analysis for the region.

Similar to other STIP amendments involving ARRA projects the last couple of months, planned obligations exceed VDOT's projected obligation authority for ARRA funding. Based on previous communications, it is FHWA's understanding that this approach is being taken because some of the estimates on projects previously amended to the STIP for ARRA funding are coming in high and VDOT is considering withdrawing these projects or reducing their scope. Meanwhile, there is a need for VDOT to certify new projects for ARRA funding as quickly as possible before the March 2, 2010 redistribution of unobligated ARRA funds. Accordingly, VDOT has asked FHWA to approve these amendments involving ARRA projects based on a commitment that the total planned obligations will be reconciled with the projected obligation authority for ARRA funding by March 2, 2010, and that any additional coordination that is required with affected MPOs will take place at the appropriate time.

Based on the foregoing and in an effort to be as flexible as possible with respect to ARRA funding, STIP amendment FY 2010-#3 is approved today, December 1, 2010. This amendment is approved with the understanding that VDOT will amend/adjust the STIP and carry out the necessary coordination with affected MPOs to amend/adjust their TIPs so that planned obligations are brought in line with projected obligation authority.

Finally, this STIP amendment will not affect the FHWA/FTA Planning Finding dated September 22, 2008; accordingly, the planning finding remains valid.

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Attached are revised STIP pages for the projects included in STIP amendment #3. Also attached is a revised Table C, and STIP worksheet.

There are two projects included in the Tri-Cities Preventive Maintenance and System Preservation grouping – UPC 94858 & 94860.

<<UPC 94089 AMD #3.pdf>> <<TRI-CITIES - Maint- Preventive Maint, Sys Preserv .pdf>> <<Table C -- FFY10 -- STIP AMD Amd #3 (11-30-09).xls>> <<Worksheet --FFY10 -- STIP Amd #3 (11-30-09).xls>> <<STIP Amendment Letter #3.pdf>> <<Roanoke MPO Approval.pdf>> <<Tri-Cities MPO Approval.pdf>>

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Thanks!

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