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Subject: RE: FFY10 STIP Amendment #8 ARRA

Information regarding FY 2010 STIP amendment #8, transmitted via e-mail on January 27, 2010, has been reviewed. A hard copy of the STIP amendment request from the Secretary was received on January 28, 2010. The amendment involves two projects funded with ARRA: one individual FHWA-administered project (UPC # 93528) and one grouped FHWA-administered project (CN: Safety/ITS/Operational Improvements – Resurfacing of I-66 between I-495 and Route 50). None of the projects will be jointly administered by FHWA and FTA.

The letter from the Secretary included documentation of coordination with the MPO, and the MPO has taken appropriate action to account for the projects and the ARRA funding in their TIP. Further, the projects are located in an air quality nonattainment area, and the MPO has determined that one of the projects has already been accounted for in the conformity analysis while the other project was exempt from the air quality conformity requirements.

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 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-#8** is approved today, January 29, 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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Ed,

Attached are revised STIP pages for two ARRA projects included in STIP amendment #8. Also included is a revised Table C and STIP worksheet.

<<NOVA CN-- Safety-ITS-Operational Improvements UPC T8807.pdf>> <<UPC 93528 AMD #8.pdf>> <<Table C -- FFY10 -- STIP AMD #8 (01-26-10).xls>> <<Worksheet --FFY10 -- STIP AMD #8 (01-26-10).xls>> <<STIP Amendment Letter #8 - FHWA.pdf>>

Please call if you have any questions.

Thanks!

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