BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD RESOLUTION #16-13

AMENDMENT TO THE 2016 – 2019 BALTIMORE REGION TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WITHDRAWN

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, encompassing the Baltimore Urbanized Area, and includes official representatives of the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore, the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Queen Anne's as well as representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Planning, and the Maryland Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the amended 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region at its November 24, 2015 meeting, with federal approval on January 15, 2016; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations require that all transportation-related projects must be listed in the approved Transportation Improvement Program with accurate funding schedules in order to be eligible for federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program consists of projects included in, and in support of, the region's long-range transportation plan and ongoing short-range planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Transportation on the behalf of the State Highway Administration has requested approval of an amendment to the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation Improvement Program amendment process; and

WHEREAS, the State Highway Administration is requesting to add the US 40 Bridge Replacements over Little & Big Gunpowder Falls (see Attachment) project to replace four bridges along eastbound and westbound US 40; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program, as amended, continues to display financial reasonableness and re-affirms the appropriate project selection criteria whereby all requirements for a Transportation Improvement Program in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act are met; and

WHEREAS, the Interagency Consultation Group has determined that this project is exempt according to the Conformity Rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Transportation Improvement Program amendment was publicized for a 30-day review from January 29, 2016 to March 4, 2016 with a public meeting on February 24, 2016 at the Cecil Elementary School and a presentation to the Public Advisory Committee on March 2, 2016. Xx comments were received on this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approves the attached amendment to the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region and finds it to conform to the applicable Maryland State Implementation Plan and requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region approved the aforementioned resolution on March 22, 2016.

Date

Clive Graham, Chairman Baltimore Regional Transportation Board