



MEMORANDUM

TO: Technical Coordinating Committee

FROM: E. David McDonald, II, P.E.
CATS Transit Planning Manager

DATE: February 24, 2012

SUBJECT: TIP Amendments

The Charlotte Area Transit System has been awarded to new capital grants for new services in the MPO. These are new dollars to the MPO, are dedicated to the stated projects and do not reduce or adversely impact any project in the TIP. The following are descriptions of the TIP Amendments that will be brought before the TCC on March 1, 2012 for your recommendation:

As part of the federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program, CATS has been awarded \$18 million for the expansion of station platforms on the LYNX Blue Line Corridor so that they will be able to accommodate three car trains. The grant will be used to design the extension of all the stations along the line, upgrade the power for the entire line, and will construct two station extensions, one Uptown and I-485. This will allow three car express trains for events and position CATS to expand the remaining stations as funding is identified. CATS and NCDOT will provide the local match to these funds for a total project cost of \$22.5 million.

CATS has been awarded \$500,000 in New Starts funding to be used explicitly for Streetcar. These funds will be utilized to upgrade the existing Gamaco Trolley vehicles in order to make them 'street-worthy' by federal safety standards. The work will include braking improvements and other safety & security enhancements. The City of Charlotte will provide the local match for a total project cost of \$625,000.

Finally, as stated above these awards represent new money and do not financially impact any project currently in the state's transportation program. They both are 80% federal funds. If you have any questions prior to the TCC meeting please contact me at 704-336-6900.

RESOLUTION

**ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MECKLENBURG-UNION URBAN AREA
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR
FY2012-FY2018**

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by MPO Member _____ for the adoption of the resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization has approved the 2030 Corridor System Plan previously adopted by the Metropolitan Transit Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization has reviewed the FY2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program and found the need to amend it to be consistent with the 2030 Corridor System Plan; and

WHEREAS, this funding comes from a federal source (TIGER 3) specifically targeted to this project; and

WHEREAS, the following amendment has been proposed:

Add

<u>ID No.</u>	<u>System</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>FFY</u>
TE-4702	Charlotte	Design and Construction of Platform Extensions at LYNX Blue Line (South Corridor) Stations (TIGER 3).	TIGER3 \$ 18,000,000 STATE \$ 2,250,000 LOCAL \$ 2,250,000 TOTAL \$ 22,500,000	2013

WHEREAS, this project represents funding for the design and construction needed to lengthen platforms at the stations along the LYNX Blue Line corridor in order to accommodate three-car consists and; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organization finds that the proposed amendment is for a stated project that is exempt from the requirements to determine air quality conformity; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment is included in the *2030 Long Range Transportation Plan* (which has a planning horizon year of 2030), and meets all the requirements in 23 CFR 450.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mecklenburg-Union Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization that the FY2012-FY2018 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program dated December 16, 2011, for the Mecklenburg-Union Urban Area is amended as listed above on this the 21st day of March, 2012.

Signature of MPO Chairman

MPO Secretary Signature

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WHEREAS, the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan has been amended to add a 1.5 mile Streetcar starter project from the Charlotte Transportation Center to Presbyterian Hospital on Hawthorne Lane; and

WHEREAS, the funding source for these projects is from a New Starts federal grant award and local funds; and

WHEREAS, the following amendment has been proposed:

Modify

<u>ID No.</u>	<u>System</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>FFY</u>
TE-5103	Charlotte	Fixed Guideway – Charlotte Streetcar – plans, design, acquisition, construct	FNS \$ 500,000 LOCAL \$ 125,000 TOTAL \$ 625,000	2012

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment is consistent with the amended *2035 Long Range Transportation Plan* (which has a planning horizon year of 2035), and meets all the requirements in 23 CFR 450.

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