Resolution Authorizing Amendments to the
FY09 to FY12 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) requires that each urbanized area over 50,000 population prepare a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the upcoming three or more years; and

WHEREAS, a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has been designated for the Charlottesville-Albemarle Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) has voted to include full funding for the U.S. 29 western bypass project (Project) in the Six Year Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the CTB has voted to include full funding for the widening of U.S. 29 from Polo Grounds Road to Timberwood Boulevard in the Six Year Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, this resolution revises the MPO Policy Board’s previous position regarding the Project by removing all restrictive language in the TIP pertaining to the Project; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is conditioned upon commitments documented in a letter from Sean T. Connaughton, Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth of Virginia, to the Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO, as follows:

1. **Hillsdale Drive** – The Secretary will recommend to the CTB that the FY13 to FY18 SYIP include $10 million dollars for the completion of this project.

2. **US29/US250 (Best Buy) Ramp and Lane Improvements** – The FY12 to FY17 SYIP will provide the resources necessary to fully construct the project under VDOT administration.

3. **Berkmar Drive Extended** – The Secretary will direct VDOT as part of the Route 29 Bypass design, to include the conceptual design and layouts of Berkmar Drive Extended including the river crossing to ensure the Bypass does not preclude the construction of Berkmar Drive Extended.

4. **Belmont Bridge** – The Secretary will recommend to the CTB that the FY13 to FY18 SYIP include $8.4 million dollars in funding to the SYIP to advance construction of this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) endorses the Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2009 to 2012 TIP to include the following updated project information:

1. Construction: New Road; U.S. 29 bypass also known as the western bypass, fully funded.

2. Improvement: Road Widening; U.S. 29, widen from 4 lanes to 6 lanes from Polo Grounds Road to Timberwood Boulevard, fully funded.

Adopted this 27th day of July, 2011, by vote of the MPO Policy Board.

**ATTESTED**

Rodney Thomas, Chair

[signature]

Date

July 27, 2011
July 27, 2011

Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission
Stephen Williams, Executive Director
Post Office Box 1505
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Charlottesville, Virginia 22902

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) took action on July 20, 2011 to amend the SYIP to include Route 29 Widening and also allocated $230 million in funding for both the Route 29 Widening and the Route 29 Bypass. This is a significant commitment by the CTB to fund transportation improvements in this area. Also, during the CTB meeting, there was testimony on the importance of improving the overall transportation network in the Charlottesville-Albemarle area. Accordingly, I will recommend to the CTB that the next update of the FY 2013 to FY 2018 Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP) include resources to accomplish the following:

1. Completion of Hillsdale Drive - This project is currently being developed as an Urban project in the City of Charlottesville and in the preliminary engineering phase of development. I understand the city believes that it can successfully acquire donated right of way, which leaves a funding need of approximately $10 million. I will recommend to the CTB that funding for construction be included in the SYIP.

2. US29/US250 (Best Buy) Ramp and Lane Improvements- This project is currently being developed as an urban project in the City of Charlottesville. I will provide the resources necessary for VDOT to take over the administration of the project and manage it to completion. It is my expectation that the city will retain the already committed funding on the project as identified in the SYIP.

3. Berkmar Drive Extension - I am directing VDOT as part of the Route 29 Bypass design, to include the conceptual design and layouts of Berkmar Drive Extended including the river crossing to ensure the Bypass does not preclude the construction of Berkmar Drive Extended.
4. Belmont Bridge - This project is currently being developed as an urban project in the City of Charlottesville and in the preliminary engineering phase of development. VDOT staff has informed me the poor condition of bridge deck and the low sufficiency rating of this structure would warrant accelerating the replacement of the bridge. I will recommend the CTB provide $8.4 million in funding to the SYIP to advance construction of this project.

I look forward to the cooperation and support from the MPO as we move these important regional and local transportation projects forward to construction.

In that regard, and as you are aware, the CTB has identified Route 29 as one of eleven transportation corridors as Corridors of Statewide Significance (COSS). The purpose of a COSS designation is to provide a multimodal vision for the corridors to guide localities in their land use and transportation plans. Without guidance, local decisions can degrade a corridor’s ability to move people and goods, causing bottlenecks and problems that are costly to fix, and undermine economic and quality of life goals. As Virginia continues to grow, it must take steps now to ensure the right balance of development, transportation capacity, and natural resources. The real value of the COSS is the identification of strategies within each corridor as the first step in ensuring these corridors are invested in and protected for the future benefit of the entire Commonwealth.

In consideration of the aforementioned transportation investments the Commonwealth is making in your MPO’s area of responsibility, it is our expectation that the MPO will commit to work with the CTB to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy that will protect your segment of the Route 29 Corridor from the types of encroachment that causes the bottlenecks and problems that we are currently planning to fix. We believe that the Albemarle-Charlottesville region has the opportunity to become a leader in this regard and, with your assistance, we look forward to making the COSS initiative meaningful for localities and the traveling public.

Sincerely,

Sean T. Comnaughton
Resolution Authorizing Amendments to the FY12 to FY15 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) requires that each urbanized area over 50,000 population prepare a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the upcoming three or more years; and

WHEREAS, a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has been designated for the Charlottesville-Albemarle Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) has voted to approve the FY13 to FY18 Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP); and

WHEREAS, the adopted SYIP includes updated funding and phasing on projects in the current FY12 to FY15 TIP; and

WHEREAS, this amendment includes changes to three road projects, one bridge project, and one transit project;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) endorses the Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2012 to 2015 TIP to include the following updated project information:

1. **US 29 Western Bypass**: Inclusion of construction phase.
2. **Hillsdale Drive Extended**: Funding estimate decrease.
3. **Rio Mills Road**: Removal from TIP. (No funding available, but still a County priority)
4. **Group 1 Bridges**: Funding decrease. (Decrease due to ungrouping the Belmont Bridge Project (Rt. 20))
5. **JAUNT Funding**: New project. (Purchase of new radios for fleet)

Adopted this 25th day of July, 2012, by vote of the MPO Policy Board.

ATTESTED

_Kristin Szakos, Chair_  
_August 3, 2012_  
_Date_
Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the
FY12 to FY15 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) requires that each urbanized area over 50,000 population prepare a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the upcoming three or more years; and

WHEREAS, a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has been designated for the Charlottesville-Albemarle Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the planned improvements to the US 29 and US 250 interchange are included in UnJAM 2035 the region’s long range transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, the planned improvements for the US 29 and US 250 interchange are a long-standing regional priority; and

WHEREAS, this amendment would increase the total funding amount for the planned improvements from 4.7 million dollars to 11.1 million dollars;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization endorses the Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2012 to 2015 TIP to regarding:

1. US 29 and US 250 Interchange Improvements (Best Buy Ramp Project): UPC 85708

Adopted this 23rd day of January, 2013, by vote of the MPO Policy Board.

ATTESTED

Kristin Szakos, Chair

Date 1/23/13
Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the
FY12 to FY15 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) requires that each urbanized area over 50,000
population prepare a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the upcoming three or more years; and

WHEREAS, a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has been designated for the Charlottesville-Albemarle
Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the Six Year Improvement Program for the Commonwealth of Virginia has been approved for Fiscal
Year 2014 to Fiscal Year 2019; and

WHEREAS, the transit funding for our regional transit operators has been finalized for Fiscal Year 2014; and

WHEREAS, this amendment would increase the total operations funding for Charlottesville-Area Transit from the
estimated amount of approximately 5.3 million to 6.7 million (mostly due to an increase in local funding);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization
endorses the Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2012 to 2015 TIP to regarding:

1. CAT0001 Operating Assistance

Adopted this 24th day of July, 2013, by vote of the MPO Policy Board.

ATTESTED

Duane Snow, Chair

Date

7/24/13