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Secretary Sheppard Miller III
Secretary of Transportation
Patrick Henry Building
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Subject: FY2024-FY2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Secretary Miller:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have completed the joint review of the Commonwealth of Virginia's FY2024-FY2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), that includes highway and transit projects to be federally funded or approved by FTA and FHWA in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

To approve the STIP, which includes the Metropolitan Planning Organizations' (MPO) Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) contained by reference or directly in the STIP, FHWA and FTA must make a determination that the STIP is based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process. Enclosed is the Planning Finding for the Commonwealth's FY2024-2027 STIP including all incorporated MPO TIPs. It contains additional details on the commendations, recommendations, and additional comments to help strengthen the transportation planning and program development process. This Planning Finding is based upon the determination that all projects in the STIP meet the planning requirements of 23 USC 134 and 135, 49 USC 5303-5305, and 23 CFR 450 subparts A, B, and C.

Based on the self-certifications of statewide and metropolitan transportation planning processes as well as our involvement in the state and metropolitan planning processes, FTA and FHWA find that the FY2024-FY2027 Commonwealth of Virginia STIP is based on a statewide transportation planning process that meets the requirements of 23 USC 134 and 135, 49 USC 5303-5305, and 23 CFR 450 subparts A, B, and C. Accordingly, FTA and FHWA jointly approve the FY2024-2027 STIP for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.218(a), the approval period for a new STIP shall not exceed four years. As a result, this joint FHWA/FTA approval of the Commonwealth of Virginia STIP applies to the period of FY2024 through FY2027. This STIP approval does not constitute a final commitment of Federal funds. Federal funding for projects included in the STIP is finalized when a request for project authorization is approved by FHWA or upon approval of a grant

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award by FTA. Should amendments to this STIP become necessary, any highway amendments will be acted upon by FHWA and any transit amendments will be acted upon by FTA.

We look forward to the continued cooperation of you and your staff in efforts to carry out the statewide and metropolitan planning processes in an effective manner. If you have any questions, please direct them to either Mr. Ivan Rucker, Freight Program Manager and Planning Specialist, of the FHWA Virginia Division, at (804) 774-3350 or Ms. Chelsea Beytas, Community Planner, of the FTA Region III, at (215) 656-7961.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: FHWA/FTA Planning Finding

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