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Mrs. Camelia Ravanbakht, Ph.D  
Deputy Executive Director  
Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Organization  
723 Woodlake Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23320

RE: Hampton Roads FY 09-12 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment - Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA)

Dear Ms. Ravanbakht:

WATA is requesting permission to amend Hampton Roads FY 09 -12 Transportation Improvement Program using STP Population Formula and Urban Formula (Section 5307) revenues for Hampton Roads through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the following projects and amounts:

- GPS/AVL Tracking System (\$350,000 STP Population Formula) - This project allows WATA to provide improved customer service for over 350,000 (42% trips) employment related trips annually in supporting Greater Williamsburg regional workforce. This need becomes critical as WATA continues to experience record growth and phases increased frequency and service to areas not served in response to the region's labor requirements. In addition this equipment improves safety/security when WATA responds to Natural Disasters and Domestic incidents.
- Automated Fare /Passenger Collection (\$150,000 Urban Formula) - This upgraded software technology allows WATA to improve customer experience with the introduction of a multiple pass program (Daily, Weekly, Monthly) and the reporting of passenger use for local, state and federal reports.
- Ten Bus Shelters (\$80,000 Urban Formula) - Additional Bus Shelters helps improve customer safety and comfort for WATA's growing ridership base.
- Preventive Maintenance (\$834,175 Urban Formula) - This project allows WATA to implement a maintenance plan ensuring vehicle life standards are met, limit service disruptions and ensure high quality service given over fifty percent of our Bus Fleet is past it's useful life.
- Three replacement vehicles (\$195,000 Urban Formula) - These three small specialized buses are included in FY 2010 TIP as part of the five specialized vehicles scheduled for replacement. They do not need TIP approval and are listed to clarify plans for ARRA Formula revenues. These vehicles support ADA services.

If any additional information is needed, please E-Mail Richard Drumwright, Director of Planning and Development at [richardd@james-city.va.us](mailto:richardd@james-city.va.us), or call at (757) 220-5547. Thank you for your partnership with WATA.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Rickards  
Executive Director

Cc: Jodi M. Miller, Chair WATA  
Richard Drumwright, Director of Planning & Development