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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

December 14, 2020

12:30 PM

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- A. Open Public Meetings Act Compliance
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Chair's Remarks
 - D. Action Item: Minor Amendment to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Federal Funding for the Portal North Bridge Project as Requested by NJ TRANSIT (Attachment)
 - E. Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled virtual meeting of the NJTPA Board will be held on January 11, 2021. Log-in details will be provided.
 - F. Adjournment

* There will be an opportunity for public comment prior to any Action Item vote.

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**DRAFT RESOLUTION: MINOR AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2020 – 2023
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO
ADD FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE PORTAL NORTH
BRIDGE AS REQUESTED BY NJ TRANSIT**

WHEREAS, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc. (NJTPA) has been designated by the Governor of New Jersey as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the northern New Jersey region; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA formally adopted the FY 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on September 9, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA on September 24, 2012 approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the NJTPA, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), and NJ TRANSIT on procedures to amend and modify the State Transportation Improvement Program and the NJTPA TIP; and

WHEREAS, the TIP may be revised any time; and

WHEREAS, according to the MOU when there is a funding source change for a project in the TIP from the use of non-federal funds to the use of federal funds and a new air quality conformity determination is not required constitutes a minor amendment; and

WHEREAS, NJ TRANSIT is requesting the addition of federal funding to the Portal North Bridge (DB# T538) project to be programmed with Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program (Section 5309) funds; and

WHEREAS, this minor amendment is exempt from an air quality conformity determination and does not impact the current conformity determination; and

WHEREAS, Congestion Management Process requirements do not apply to this action; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2020 TIP conforms to the MAP-21/FAST Act performance-based planning requirements; and

WHEREAS, consistent with NJTPA public participation procedures, the NJTPA has provided opportunities for review of these actions; and

WHEREAS, no action authorized by the NJTPA shall have force or effect until ten (10) days, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted, after a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees has been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to expiration of the review period the Governor shall approve same, in which case the action shall become effective upon such approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority hereby approves the specified amendment to the FY 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to NJ TRANSIT for submission to the Federal Transit Administration.

Summary of Action

Minor Amendment to the FY 2020 - 2023 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Federal Funding for the Portal North Bridge as Requested by NJ TRANSIT

Action: In order to advance the following project, NJ TRANSIT has requested amending the FY 2020 – 2023 TIP to program additional federal funds for the Portal North Bridge.

Background: According to the *TIP Memorandum of Understanding*, when there is a funding source change for a project in the TIP from the use of non-federal funds to the use of federal funds, and a new air quality conformity determination is not required, this constitutes a minor amendment, and action is required by the NJTPA Project Prioritization Committee and the NJTPA Board of Trustees. The following revision is for the addition of federal Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program funds (Section 5309) and NJ TRANSIT matching funds. The project is exempt from an air quality conformity determination and does not impact the current conformity determination.

Minor Amendment:

- **Portal North Bridge, Hudson County DB# T538**

This project can be funded with available resources from the federal CIG program (Federal Fiscal Year [FFY] 2021, \$248 million of SECT 5309 funds; FFY 2022, \$125 million of SECT 5309 funds; FFY 2023, \$100 million of SECT 5309 funds; FFY 2024, \$100 million of SECT 5309 funds; FFY 2025, \$100 million of SECT 5309 funds; FFY 2026 \$93.5million of SECT 5309 funds).

Funds for the project listed in the TIP in the “other” category were monies allocated by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority for the portal project. The funds have now been reallocated and state funds will be utilized to offset the reallocation. State funding is programmed as follows (FY 2021, \$39 million; FY 2022 \$61.246 million; FY 2023, \$45.247 million; FY 2024, \$45.243 million; FY 2025, \$45.244 million; FY 2026, \$45.244 million; FY 2027, \$45.243 million; FY 2028, \$45.243 million; FY 2029, \$45.243 million).

Technical revisions were made to the project name and description.

The attached documents provide further details on this project.

Justification for Action: Approval of this minor amendment to the FY 2020 – 2023 TIP will allow the funds to be secured and the project to advance.

Staff Recommendation: Central Staff recommends approval of this action.



State of New Jersey

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MPO:

PROJECT: **Portal North Bridge**

DBNUM: T538

TRACK #: NJT-T538-3-A-2020

TYPE OF PROJECT CHANGE: Change of funding source

ACTION TAKEN: NJ TRANSIT is requesting an amendment to add new Section 5309 funding in the NJTPA region, as follows:
FY2021 for \$248M, FY2022 for \$125M, FY2023 for \$100M, FY2024 for \$100M, FY2025 for \$100M and FY2026
for \$93.5M for a total amount of \$766.5M.

REASON FOR CHANGE:

Funding will be used to support the Portal North Bridge project.

MPO ACTION REQUIRED: Action requires MPO board approval

FISCAL CONSTRAINT:

Comments: Fiscal constraint is maintained.

CONFORMITY:

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2020 - 2023

Routes: TRANSIT

Mileposts: N/A

DBNUM: T538

Name: Portal North Bridge

CURRENT

DESCRIPTION

Funding is for the design, engineering, construction and other necessary initiatives or items to complete the proposed replacement of the existing Portal North Bridge with a new high-level, two track, fixed structure bridge on a new rail alignment. The new bridge will be approximately 1,200 feet long and will have a clearance that accommodates current and forecasted maritime traffic, thereby eliminating the need for a movable span that interrupts rail operations and results in delays due to mechanical failures. This will improve reliability, allowing NJ TRANSIT to operate longer and higher capacity trains. Additionally, trains will be able to cross the bridge at 90 miles per hour, up from 60 miles per hour today.

\$345M in Amtrak funds will be applied to the Portal North Bridge (PNB) project once the funds are administered to NJ TRANSIT. \$57M in CMAQ funds are committed to purchase up to 25 commuter rail vehicles to support the PNB project. Refer to DB T112- Rail Rolling Stock Procurement where funds for supporting all rail rolling stock purchases are listed and explained. In addition, NJ TRANSIT is committing up to \$14M in local match for the CMAQ funds (through NJTTF) to support the PNB project. NJ Transit has requested \$811m under FTA’s Section 5309 Capital Investment Grants Program, which would be applied to the STIP.

\$600M in New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) proceeds are committed to the PNB Project.

PENDING

DESCRIPTION

Funding is for the design, engineering, construction and other necessary initiatives or items to complete the proposed replacement of the existing Portal North Bridge (PNB) with a new high-level, two track, fixed structure bridge on a new rail alignment. The project will be approximately 2.44 miles of two track rail infrastructure including a 1,200 feet long new bridge spanning the Hackensack River and will have a clearance that accommodates current and forecasted maritime traffic, thereby eliminating the need for a movable span that interrupts rail operations and results in delays due to mechanical failures. This will improve reliability, allowing NJ TRANSIT to operate longer and higher capacity trains. Additionally, trains will be able to cross the bridge at 90 miles per hour, up from 60 miles per hour today.

The estimated total project cost is \$1,732.1 Million (\$1,660.8 Million proposed Bridge Improvements Capital Investment Grants Program (CIG), \$71.3 Million proposed Rail Rolling Stock Purchase Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)).

Section 5309 Capital Investment Grant (CIG) = \$766.5 Million

NJ TRANSIT anticipates receiving \$766.5 Million under FTA’s Section 5309 (CIG), which is applied to the STIP for PNB Project.

CIG Grant Local Match = \$797.3 Million

A total of \$797.3 Million of NJ TRANSIT local match will be committed to the Portal North Bridge CIG project which includes, \$600.0 Million in New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA), \$197.3 Million Transportation Trust Funds (TTF) for Portal North Bridge project.

Other Funding = \$168.4 Million

A total of \$97.0 Million of Amtrak (Non-Federal Funding) will be committed to the Portal North Bridge project by Amtrak. In addition, the project is funded with \$57.1 Million CMAQ (federal funds) for the purchase of up to 25 commuter rail vehicles with \$14.3 Million in TTF match. (Refer to DB T112- Rail Rolling Stock Procurement where funds for supporting all rail rolling stock purchases are listed and explained.)

Counties: Hudson

Municipalities: Kearny Secaucus

Project Type:

RCIS Category: Transit Preservation

Sponsor: NJ TRANSIT

Est. Total Project Cost: (Million) \$1,732.100

PENDING ACTION

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Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2020 - 2023

TIP:

CURRENT

FY 2020 - 2023 TIP Cost: (Million) \$180.986

Unconstrained
Information Year

MPO	PHASE	SOURCE	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024-2029
NJTPA	ERC	OTHER	\$25.000	\$25.000	\$25.000	\$25.000	\$150.000
NJTPA	ERC	STATE	\$26.493	\$14.000	\$20.246	\$20.247	\$121.460
			\$51.493	\$39.000	\$45.246	\$45.247	\$271.460

PENDING

FY 2020 - 2023 TIP Cost: (Million) \$669.986

Unconstrained
Information Year

MPO	PHASE	SOURCE	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024-2029
NJTPA	ERC	OTHER	\$25.000				
NJTPA	ERC	SECT 5309		\$248.000	\$125.000	\$100.000	\$293.500
NJTPA	ERC	STATE	\$26.493	\$39.000	\$61.246	\$45.247	\$271.460
			\$51.493	\$287.000	\$186.246	\$145.247	\$564.960

DATE SUBMITTED: 11/17/2020