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**Subject:** US 29 BRT Improvements Project, Montgomery County, Maryland - NEPA determination  
**Attachments:** Attachment 1 - US29BRT\_CE\_Checklist\_FINAL\_signedMCDOT.pdf

Joana,

On August 9, 2017, FTA determined that the US 29 BRT Improvements project being proposed by the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) in Montgomery County, Maryland meets the criteria of a Class II listed Categorical Exclusion as set forth in 23 CFR 771.118(d). This project includes implementation of a new, 14-mile Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service along US 29 from the Silver Spring Transit Center (SSTC) to the Burtonsville Park and Ride. Specifically the project includes new BRT service along existing travel lanes and shoulders; construction of eleven station stops along the corridor; implementation of Transit Signal Priority (TSP) at several signalized intersections; and improvements to landscapes, sidewalk, and bicycle facilities. This project is to receive a federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant from the FTA. This determination is subject to review should the nature and/or scope of the US 29 BRT Improvements project change in a manner requiring FTA to conduct a re-evaluation of the Categorical Exclusion designation. 23 CFR 771.129(c).

Please attach a copy of this email under the Application Documents section of your TrAMS grant for this project.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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