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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Project No.: MO830All
MD 355 – Montrose Road/Randolph Road
Intersection Improvement Study
Montgomery County, Maryland

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Enclosed for your information and files is the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the MD 355 – Montrose Road/Randolph Road Intersection Improvement study. This document has been prepared in accordance with the CEQ Regulations and 23 CFR 771.

The Selected Alternate is Alternate 9, with Option 4-B1 Shifted South and Option B1 Modified, consisting of the construction of a grade separation at Montrose Road/Randolph Road and the relocation of Randolph Road to the Montrose Parkway right-of-way. The grade separation at Montrose Road/Randolph Road and the relocation of Randolph Road are necessary to improve safety and traffic operations for vehicles using the MD 355 – Montrose Road/Randolph Road intersection and the at-grade MARC/CSX Transportation railroad crossing on Randolph Road, while providing provisions for adequate pedestrian and bicycle access to existing and planned activity centers. An additional goal for the project is to facilitate vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle access to existing and planned development and transit stations.

Distribution of the FONSI is made on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration in accordance with 23 CFR 771.

Sincerely,



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**MD 355 – MONTROSE ROAD/RANDOLPH ROAD
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT STUDY**

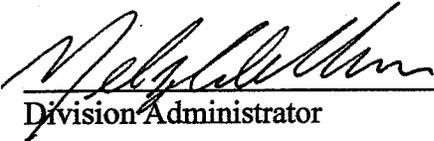
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**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION**

and

**STATE OF MARYLAND
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The FHWA has determined that Build Alternative 9 with Option 4-B1 Shifted South and Option B1 Modified, consisting of the construction of a grade separation at Montrose Road/Randolph Road and the relocation of Randolph Road to the Montrose Parkway right-of-way, will have no significant impact upon the environment. The Selected Action is located in a serious ozone non-attainment area, but is not in a non-attainment area for carbon monoxide. The Selected Action conforms to the State Implementation Plan as it originates from a conforming Transportation Improvement Program and transportation plan. This FONSI has been independently evaluated by the FHWA and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed project and appropriate mitigation measures. It provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an EIS is not required. The FHWA takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope and contents of the Environmental Assessment and attached documentation.



Division Administrator

2/11/03

Date