

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #09-13**

**RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE BALTIMORE
AREA COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT – HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION
PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, encompassing the Baltimore Urbanized Area, and includes official representatives of the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore, the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard, and the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of the Environment, and the Maryland Department of Planning; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETA-LU) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation supports the Job Access and Reverse Commute grant program, authorized under Section 5316 of SAFETEA-LU, and the New Freedom grant program, authorized under Section 5317 of SAFETEA-LU. Sections 5316 and 5317 require that projects “must be derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit – human services transportation plan”; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2007, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board approved the Baltimore Area Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, under the federal guidelines of the Job Access and Reverse Commute grant program and New Freedom grant program the metropolitan planning organization is responsible for determining that projects requesting funds are consistent with the regionally adopted long-range transportation plan and that such projects are subsequently programmed into the regional Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board urges the Maryland Transit Administration to fund the attached program requests as they meet the requirements of the two programs under the current federal and state guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Maryland Transit Administration will submit to the Federal Transit Administration a grant application under the Job Access and Reverse Commute grant program and under the New Freedom grant program and, in conjunction with the Baltimore Metropolitan Planning Organization, has determined that the existing sponsors and programs identified in Attachment 1 support the current goals and objectives of the Baltimore Area Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region approved the aforementioned resolution at its February 24, 2009 meeting.

Date

Carl Balser, Chairman
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

Baltimore Region Job Access Reverse Commute Grant Project Applications

Applicant	Project	Description	Project Cost	Federal Request	Local Match	Recommended Funding	Justification - CTP Goal
Humanim (Region wide)	Vocational Outreach to Deaf Clients	Purchase a wheelchair-equipped vehicle for Deaf Service Departments to use for vocational expansion	Capital \$50,000	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$40,000	Fully fund- Vehicle Purchase for service expansion is an eligible project.
The BWI Business Partnership, Inc. (Region wide)	TMA services for BWI Airport	Hire ride share specialist to be located at BWI to work with airport and area employees and to establish a pilot shuttle service from Baltimore City to BWI Airport	Operating \$120,144	\$60,072	\$60,072	\$60,072	Fully fund the shuttle service pilot, however only fund Mobility Management for 1 staff person to oversee and market the airport project.
			Capital \$347,517	\$278,014	\$69,503	\$135,000	
The Corridor Transportation Corporation (Region wide)	Central Maryland Resource and Information Project	Staff Mobility Management program started with FY2009 JARC grant (software) and expand to cover the entire Baltimore region.	Capital \$425,598	\$340,478	\$85,120	\$340,478	Fully fund - Mobility Management is an eligible project.
The League (Baltimore City)	Vocational Services Van Pooling Program	Purchase 2 wheelchair vehicles, and establish a new service to provide transportation to and from job interviews and places of employment for participants with disabilities living in Baltimore City traveling to jobs outside of the Mobility area.	Capital \$110,000	\$88,000	\$22,000	\$88,000	Fully fund- vehicle purchase and service are an eligible project.
			Operating \$37,440	\$18,720	\$18,720	\$18,720	
Annapolis Transit	JARC Commuter Connector Service	Two routes connecting low income residents to jobs.	Operating \$480,000	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000	Fully fund - This project funds 2 routes over 2 years utilizing smaller buses.

\$1,800,000 Available Federal Funds
\$1,065,284 Federal Funds Requested
\$922,270 Staff Recommendation
\$877,730 Remaining Federal Funds

Baltimore Region New Freedom Grant Project Applications

Applicant	Project	Description	Project Cost	Federal Request	Local Match	Recommended Funding	Justification - CTP Goal
Carroll Area Transit System	Mini-van Premium Service	Purchase 4 wheelchair minivans and hiring 4 new drivers to enhance services to overcome the barrier of providing adequate transportation for individuals with disabilities, older adults and people with lower incomes.	Capital \$163,852	\$131,082	\$32,770	\$131,082	Fully fund- eligible project. Service expansion goes beyond ¾ mile required area, and will provide same-day service.
			Operating \$197,725.65	\$98,863	\$98,863	\$98,863	
Anne Arundel County Department of Aging and Disabilities	Enhanced Transportation Phone System	Purchase an Interactive Voice Response telephone system to enable same-day service. Enhances and provides a continuation of FY2009 project.	Capital \$47,000	\$37,600	\$9,400	\$37,600	Fully fund- enhancement to provide same-day service is an eligible project.
Harford County Maryland	Harford Transit Extender Service	Continuation FY2009 grant to provide weekday after hours paratransit services from 4:00-9:00 P.M. and Saturday service	Capital \$272,581	\$136,291	\$136,291	\$136,291	Fully fund – service expansion to include 4-9 PM and Saturday service is an eligible project. Vans to run service were purchased with FY2009 grant.
			Operating \$90,860	\$45,430	\$45,430	\$45,430	
Partners in Care	IT-S	Purchase computer equipment, software and technical support to manage mobility using a model of service exchange/time banking.	Capital \$92,400	\$73,920	\$18,480	\$73,920	Fully Fund - mobility management project is eligible.
Neighbor Ride	Route Match database enhancement	Enhance existing custom software, includes programming, training, and staff costs.	Operating \$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Fully Fund
Howard County	ADA accessibility enhancements	Improvements along existing fixed route system such as, crosswalks, curb ramps, bus shelters, pads, and sidewalk connections	Capital \$400,000	\$320,000	\$80,000	\$320,000	Fully Fund- removing barriers to existing transit is an eligible project.
Baltimore County Department of Aging CountyRide	Zone Area Paratransit	Weekly scheduled transportation in rural areas of Baltimore county	Operating \$350,000	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000	Fully fund

\$1,300,000 Available Federal Funds
\$1,023,185 Federal Funds Requested
\$1,023,185 Staff Recommendation
\$267,815 Remaining Federal Funds