

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #10-20**

**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 (SAFETEA-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

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 these two Grant

Programs 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 April 27, 2010 meeting.

Date

Dean L. Minnich, Chairman
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

Summary of Recommendations for Job Access & Reverse Commute and New Freedom Grants

Applicant	Project Name	Description	Fund Source	Total Project Cost	Federal Request	Local Match	Justification
Harford County DSS	Tailored Transportation	On-demand transportation for Temporary Cash Assistance recipients	JARC Operating	\$119,331	\$59,665.50	\$59,665.50	Fully Fund
Central Maryland Regional Transit	Mobility Field Coordinator	New position to provide transportation information for access to employment opportunities around Fort Meade	JARC Capital	\$90,782	72,625.60	18,156.40	Fully Fund
Partners In Care	PIC Mobility Enhancement – Ride Partners Van Service	New service using 2 wheelchair vehicles for weekends and evenings	New Freedom Operating	\$348,891	\$174,445.50	\$174,445.50	Fully fund one year of operation and 2 vehicles. (Federal portion of operating at \$87,222.75 for one year.)
			New Freedom Capital	\$80,276	\$64,220.80	\$16,055.20	
Central Maryland Regional Transit	CMRT Train-the-Trainer Program	Transit travel trainer program to train travel trainers.	New Freedom Capital	\$102,662	\$67,739	\$34,923	Fully Fund
Desco	Consumer Transportation	Provide 2 vehicles and staff to support transportation to disabled and seniors in programs	New Freedom Operating Capital JARC Operating Capital	\$256,500	\$170,250	\$86,250	No funding recommended. Application intent was good, however, multiple issues with ability to provide service from start-up. MTA and BMC to work with applicant for next round of funding.
Sojourner-Douglass College	Workforce Transportation & Referral Center Mobility Management	Mobility Management initiatives to coordinate transportation services that connect welfare recipients and other low-income individuals to employment opportunities.	JARC Capital	\$397,265	\$317,812	\$79,453	Recommend JARC funding for \$200,200. Remaining request for all Mobility Management operating services to be funded from a separate grant program (Annual Transportation Plan).
			New Freedom Capital	\$54,972	\$43,977.60	\$10,994.40	
Maryland Transit Administration	Freedom in Transit	To provide transit familiarization training for people with disabilities, seniors and low-income individuals, who are seeking employment and education opportunities.	JARC	\$102,400	\$81,920	\$20,480	Fully Fund
			New Freedom Capital	\$143,600	\$114,880	\$28,720	

	JARC	New Freedom
Available Federal Funds	\$800,000	\$500,000
Total Recommended Use	\$414,412	\$378,040
**Remaining Funds	\$385,588	\$121,959.85

** MTA has agreed to apply to FTA to transfer the remaining \$507,549 to the FTA 5307 - Urbanized Area Formula Funding program for Baltimore region transit systems.