

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING
AMENDMENTS TO THE BALTIMORE REGION FY 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
BY THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
OF THE BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD (BRTB)**

WHEREAS, the BRTB, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region responsible for transportation planning and policy making for the Baltimore region, has prepared the proposed amendments to the 2011 – 2014 TIP and requested comment on its content from the CAC; and

WHEREAS, the CAC Serves as an advisory body to the BRTB, charged with providing independent, region-oriented citizen advice to the BRTB on issues related to the development of the Baltimore Regional Transportation Plan (BRTP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and amendments that affect the region’s conformity with federal air quality requirements, the public involvement process, regionally significant land use issues, and other regional transportation-related issues, as appropriate, promotes public awareness and participation in the regional transportation planning process and promotes equity in the regional transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the CAC has reviewed and discussed the FY 2011-2014 TIP Amendments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the following advisory comments pertaining to the amendments to the 2011 – 2014 TIP are hereby submitted by the CAC to the BRTB for consideration of incorporation into the projects:

TIP # 92-1101-99 Baltimore and Potomac [Rail] Tunnel Study

The CAC endorses the proposed TIP amendment conditional on the following provisions:

1. Studies shall not duplicate efforts of prior rail and tunnel studies performed
2. Community associations, residents and businesses potentially impacted by the tunnel construction, operations and other environmental impacts shall receive sufficient and advanced notice of such potential activities and impacts. Said groups shall be provided multiple or continuous opportunities for involvement review and comment.
3. Tunnel studies shall not be conducted in isolation but rather, shall consider and address all mitigating and associated factors related to rail access through the Baltimore region including but not limited to;
 - a. the potential need for improved or additional passenger rail stations, transit linkages and associated parking to facilitate greater/increased rail use and access,
 - b. Improvements to other associated constrained portions of track with the northeast corridor shall be addressed,
 - c. Impacts of the tunnel improvements on locations and operations of port and rail freight terminals and their locations
 - d. associated, interconnected rail tunnels shall be included in the study
 - e. environmental impacts of construction and operation shall be addressed
 - f. comprehensive economic impacts of construction and operation shall be addressed
 - g. opportunities for improvements of public utilities, roads and other infrastructure associated with tunnel improvements or associated with their construction shall be investigated and addressed

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the advice and recommendations regarding these TIP Amendments are approved by the Policy and Legislation Subcommittee and the BRTB Citizen Advisory Committee.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the CAC thanks the BRTB for this opportunity to participate through this opportunity to comment on the BRTB TIP Amendments. The CAC thanks the BRTB staff for facilitating our participation.

Submitted by;

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Vice-Chair, BRTB Citizen Advisory Committee
Chair, Policy and Legislation Subcommittee

Comments from CAC members during e-vote:

- I suggest that we include statement that CAC recognizes major regional importance of this project for Northeast corridor as well as for economic development of Balt. region.
- I suggest changing statement on previous studies to state that this study should recognize and incorporate previous studies rather than a blanket statement that this study not duplicate previous studies. I don't know when previous studies were done and they may need updating