

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #24-9**

**AMENDMENT TO THE 2024 – 2027 BALTIMORE REGION
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board 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, Howard, and Queen Anne's as well as representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Planning, the Maryland Transit Administration, and the RTA of Central Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region at its July 27, 2023 meeting, with federal approval on October 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations require that all transportation-related projects must be listed in the approved Transportation Improvement Program with accurate funding schedules in order to be eligible for federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program consists of projects included in, and in support of, the region's long-range transportation plan and ongoing short-range planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Transportation on behalf of the Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) has requested approval of an amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation Improvement Program amendment process; and

WHEREAS, MDOT MTA is requesting to add one project to the 2024-2027 TIP for Baltimore City Ferry Service Improvements. This amendment will add funds for construction in FY 2024 necessitating the amendment of this project (see attachment); and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program, as amended, continues to display financial reasonableness and re-affirms the appropriate project selection criteria whereby all requirements for a Transportation Improvement Program in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act are met; and

WHEREAS, the Interagency Consultation Group has determined that this project is exempt according to the Conformity Rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Transportation Improvement Program amendment was presented to the Technical Committee on December 5, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approves the attached amendments to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region and finds it to conform to the applicable Maryland State Implementation Plan and requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region approved the aforementioned resolution on December 19, 2023.

Date

D'Andrea Walker, Chair
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

Baltimore City Ferry Service Improvements

TIP ID	42-2401-99	Year of Operation	2026
Agency	MTA - Transit	Project Type	Preservation and improvements
Project Category	Transit Preservation	Functional Class	NA
Conformity Status	Exempt	Physical Data	N/A
CIP or CTP ID(s)		Est. Total Cost	\$9,376,000

Description:

This project will improve ADA access between the existing ferry landing and ferry deck and replace the existing light-duty ferry boats with new US Coast Guard approved hybrid-electric powered ferry boats. Baltimore City pledges the matching funds necessary for the project and is ready to procure the landings so that Baltimore residents can benefit from improved ferry services.

Justification:

The existing ferry boats have reached the end of their useful life and need to be replaced. Additionally, the current ferry deck heights and ferry landing heights do not match which creates an ADA accessibility concern. These improvements will help to achieve a state of good repair and provide improved ADA access.

Amendment: This amendment adds a new project to the FY 2024-2027 TIP and utilizes Section 5307(h) Passenger Ferry Grant Discretionary Program funds. This project will include \$9.376 million (\$8.061 million federal/\$1.315 million matching) for construction in FY 2024. Funding will be used to improve ADA access between the existing ferry landing and ferry deck as well as replace the current diesel ferry boats with hybrid-electric light-duty ferry boats. The estimated total cost of this project is \$9.376 million.

Connection to Long-Range Transportation Planning Goals:

3.A Improve Accessibility -- Increase transportation options and equity for all segments of the population.
5.B Implement Environmentally Responsible Transportation Solutions -- Reduce emissions to support health & conform to AQ standards.
5.E Implement Environmentally Responsible Transportation Solutions -- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions according to state and local plans.





Baltimore City Ferry Service Improvements

(Funding in Thousands)

Section 5307(h) Passenger Ferry Grant Discretionary Program -NEW

Phase	FY 2024 Federal Funds	FY 2024 Matching Funds	FY 2025 Federal Funds	FY 2025 Matching Funds	FY 2026 Federal Funds	FY 2026 Matching Funds	FY 2027 Federal Funds	FY 2027 Matching Funds	Total Four-Year Funding Request
CON	\$8,061	\$1,315	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,376
OTH	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ENG	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
PL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$8,061	\$1,315	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,376
Total	\$8,061	\$1,315	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,376