

Presentation to the
Freight Movement Task Force

December 16, 2021

Howard Street Tunnel Project



2021 Recap

- **March** – Environmental Assessment for NEPA released for 45-day public review and comment period
- **June** – FRA approves a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to complete the NEPA process
- **November** – Agreements signed, groundbreaking



Project Agreements

- Project agreements were signed in November 2021
 - Cooperative Agreement – FRA and MDOT
 - Officially obligates \$125 million INFRA grant to the Project
 - Establishes Project's scope, schedule and budget
 - Subrecipient and Project Agreement – MDOT, MPA and CSX
 - Established CSX's role in the Project
 - Commits the State of Maryland and CSX funding



Engineering/Construction Approach

- The HST Project requires vertical clearance improvement at 22 locations between Baltimore and Philadelphia
- Due to differences in scope and geographic area, the Project is being broken up into 10 smaller packages for engineering and construction



Current Status and Next Steps

- Engineering is being finalized and procurements have started to go out
- Procurement packages will continue to be released on a rolling basis throughout 2022
- Construction to begin in early 2022 and go through mid-2025



THANK YOU

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