#### 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



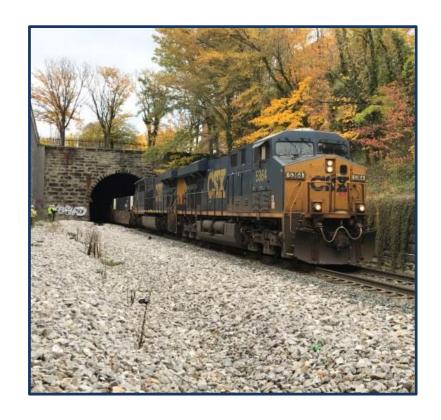
### **Project Agreements**

- 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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