



Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

2024-2027 TIP Amendment: Aberdeen Train Station Transit Oriented Development & Station Square Improvements

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Aberdeen Train Station



- Rail Service on the northeast corridor right-of-way is utilized by Amtrak, MARC, Norfolk Southern and CSX.
- Amtrak owns the train station and tunnels, Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) State Highway Administration owns the pedestrian and vehicular overpasses, and MDOT Maryland Transit Administration manages the train station, tunnel, security and owns several of the parking areas.
- Aberdeen MARC/Amtrak Train Station – Amtrak monthly ridership for June 2019 was 1,521 riders on and 1,478 riders off; MARC average daily ridership for 2019 was 200.
- Harford Transit LINK ridership is 7,500 monthly riders at the train station.

Aberdeen Transit Oriented Development (TOD) - Station Square concept



- Designated June 2010 by Governor Martin O'Malley
- Aberdeen TOD Master Plan and TOD Boundary adopted March 2012
- Aberdeen Station Square Feasibility Study completed November 2012
- Maryland Sustainable Community Designation April 2022



Station Square Plaza
West Bel Air Avenue and US 40

Existing pedestrian overpass



- Constructed in 1982 and owned by MDOT State Highway Administration.
- Created a physical and economic barrier separating City residents from US 40 and downtown.
- A socioeconomic and racial disparity exists, which amplifies the separation created by the conditions of the physical barrier.
- The pedestrian overpass is not ADA compliant and is a challenge for residents, commuters and visitors.

Station Square Vision



Elements of the improvements

- Removal of the existing pedestrian overpass and land acquisition to make the future accessibility improvements
- Construct a new Pedestrian Underpass with amenities
- Seek funding for the US 40 “Green Boulevard” at Station Square
- Improve safety, security, visibility and handicap accessibility by constructing the pedestrian underpass and terraced plazas to connect the west and east sides

Station Square Plaza
West and East Views



Next Steps

- **Estimated cost of improvements, based on 2012 Aberdeen Station Square Feasibility Study is \$36.0M. These costs included preliminary engineering and design, geotechnical and environmental analysis, site acquisition and construction costs. We have received updated project cost estimates of \$55M.**
- **The City is the recipient of Fiscal Year 2023 Congressionally Directed Spending funding for \$4,000,000 and the Aberdeen Station Square project was included in the FY 2023 Appropriations Bill signed by President Biden on December 29, 2022. We are working with the U.S. Department of Transportation and MDOT MTA on the phasing and funding for this project. These funds will be used for 30% preliminary engineering, design, geotechnical and environmental studies and meeting the NEPA requirements.**

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