

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #17-2**

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED 2016 – 2019 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, and the Maryland Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the Amended 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region at its November 24, 2015 meeting, with federal approval on January 15, 2016; 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, Baltimore City has requested approval of an amendment to the Amended 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation Improvement Program amendment process; and

WHEREAS, Baltimore City is requesting to add the Inner Harbor Water Taxi Terminal project (see Attachment) to replace the existing two-story building on Pier 1 with a new ADA compliant building that will serve as the Baltimore Water Taxi Terminal and will also provide access to the USS Constellation; 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 Fixing America’s Surface Transportation 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 publicized for a 30-day review from June 6, 2016 to July 8, 2016 with public meetings on Wednesday, June 8 and Tuesday, June 14 at the Woodlawn and Essex Branches of the Baltimore County Public Library, respectively. One positive comment was received on this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approves the attached amendment to the 2016-2019 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 July 26, 2016.

7-26-16

Date



Clive Graham, Chairman

Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

Inner Harbor Water Taxi Terminal

TIP ID	12-1612-23	Year of Operation	2018
Agency	Baltimore City	Project Type	Rehabilitation of facilities
Project Category	Enhancement Program	Functional Class	NA
Conformity Status	Exempt	Physical Data	NA
CIP or CTP ID(s)		Est. Total Cost	\$2,300,000

Description:

The City of Baltimore is proposing to replace the existing two-story visitor's center. The new building will serve as the Baltimore water taxi terminal and will provide access to the USS Constellation. The new building will mainly be used for the water taxi ticket sales terminal and will provide a climate controlled waiting area for water taxi patrons. The proposed improvements include a new 5,000 square foot building with an extensive green roof and terrace, new entry plaza, and service utility connections to the existing utilities located below Pier 1.

Other sources of funding for this project are provided by one or more private entities. The estimated total cost including private contributions is \$4.32 million.

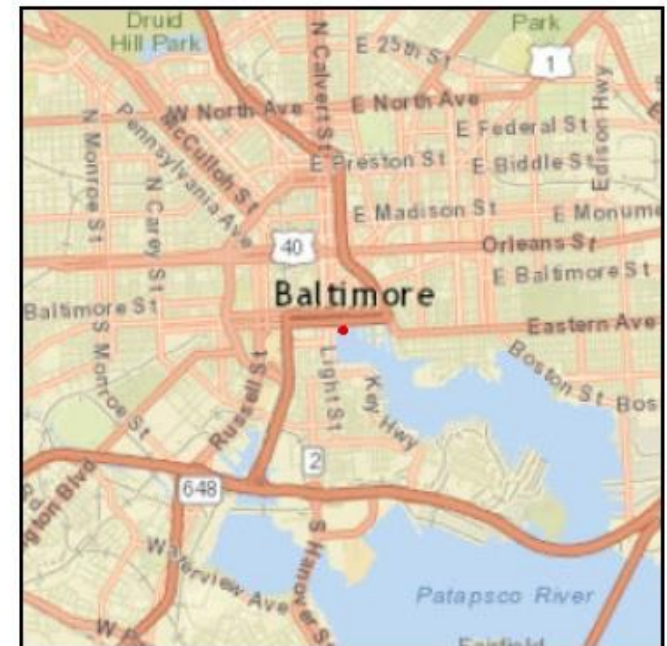
Justification:

The existing structure is a two-story building with many deficiencies that limit its desired use and function. There is currently no climate controlled waiting area for patrons and the existing facility does not meet current ADA standards. Additionally the existing building obstructs the view of the historic ship from surrounding viewsheds and does not provide ADA compliant access to the ship (requiring two egress points for safety purposes).

Amendment: This amendment adds a new project to the 2016-2019 TIP utilizing Section 1702 High Priority Project funds. The project allocates construction funds in FY 2016 in the amount of \$1.84 million federal and \$460,000 matching. The total amount of funding added to the 2016-2019 TIP is \$2.3 million.

Connection to Long-Range Transportation Planning Goals:

- 2.E Improve and Maintain the Existing Infrastructure -- Improve the condition of transit infrastructure and stations/stops.
- 3.B Improve Accessibility -- Improve ADA-related conditions for pedestrians / transit riders.





Inner Harbor Water Taxi Terminal

(Funding in Thousands)

Section 1702 High Priority Project

Phase	FY 2016 Federal Funds	FY 2016 Matching Funds	FY 2017 Federal Funds	FY 2017 Matching Funds	FY 2018 Federal Funds	FY 2018 Matching Funds	FY 2019 Federal Funds	FY 2019 Matching Funds	Total Four-Year Funding Request
CON	\$1,840	\$460	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,300
OTH	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
PE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
PP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$1,840	\$460	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,300
Total	\$1,840	\$460	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,300