

**BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
RESOLUTION #17-7**

**ENDORSE APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH  
THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE**

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) 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 Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act eliminates the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) as established in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) and replaces it with a set-aside of the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program providing funding for transportation alternatives with a defined set of eligible categories; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of transportation alternatives set-aside funding is suballocated to metropolitan areas over 200,000 in population to the designated Metropolitan Planning Organizations to conduct a competitive application process for that portion of the state's funding in a manner identical to funding under the prior TAP; and

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region has approved criteria for selecting projects as follows: 1) federal program eligibility and goals, 2) state planning goals, 3) regional and local planning goals, 4) health, environmental and community impact, and 5) program effectiveness. Projects will be consistent with the ten federally eligible categories identified for transportation alternatives funds and include: 1) provision of pedestrian and bicycle facilities; 2) safe routes for non-drivers; 3) conversion of abandoned railway corridors to trails; 4) scenic turnouts and overlooks; 5) outdoor advertising management; 6) historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities; 7) vegetation management; 8) archaeological activities; 9) stormwater mitigation; and 10) wildlife management; and

**WHEREAS**, five applications for funding (totaling \$4,669,485) from the Surface Transportation Block grant set-aside for transportation alternatives for the Baltimore region were reviewed by a Subcommittee of professionals from fields related to active transportation and environmental mitigation utilizing established criteria. One application met all criteria to move forward.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region has approved the following applications (Attachment 1) for funding with the money allocated directly to the Baltimore region, with a recommendation for the State Highway Administration to consider the remaining applications for statewide funds under 23 U.S.C. 213(c).

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the aforementioned resolution at its July 26, 2016 meeting.

7-26-16

Date



Clive Graham, Chairman

Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

### Applications to the 2016 Surface Transportation Block Grant set-aside for transportation alternatives

<i>Project name/limits:</i>	<b>Washington Boulevard Green Infrastructure, Phase III</b> (from Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd to W Cross St.
<i>Project sponsor:</i>	Baltimore City Department of Transportation
<i>TAP request:</i>	<b>\$308,000</b>
<i>Total cost:</i>	\$369,600
<i>Project description:</i>	Completion of a design study and construction of green infrastructure facilities along Washington Blvd in Pigtown. These designs will leverage secured funding to study and design sidewalk bumpouts to accommodate green infrastructure/stormwater and pedestrian enhancements.
<i>Plan goals:</i>	1) <b>Improves system safety</b> on roadways by creating a safer pedestrian environment, calming traffic, and creating shorter pedestrian crossings, 2) <b>Improves accessibility</b> by creating an improved environment for pedestrians with larger and more attractive gathering areas at intersections, 3) <b>Conserves and enhances the environment</b> by reduce and filtering surface runoff.
<i>Suggested award:</i>	<b>None at this time.</b> Will also be reviewed for consideration under statewide funding.
<i>Project name/limits:</i>	<b>Aberdeen Transit Oriented Development Station Square Pedestrian/Bicycle Connectivity</b>
<i>Project sponsor:</i>	City of Aberdeen
<i>TAP request:</i>	<b>\$98,500</b>
<i>Total cost:</i>	\$118,200
<i>Project description:</i>	Construction of a 5' wide sidewalk along Taft Street on City-owned property; construction of a 5' wide sidewalk with curb and gutter on Aberdeen Proving Ground; removal of existing bicycle racks and add new bike parking facilities located under the train station canopy to increase the overall amount of parking available; and add pedestrian/bicycle signage for the station
<i>Plan goals:</i>	The applicant did not complete the BRTB portion of the application but the description notes that the project will 1) <b>improve safety</b> by creating safer walking conditions for pedestrians and will 2) <b>improve accessibility</b> by providing additional and secure bicycle facilities for transit users.
<i>Suggested award:</i>	<b>None at this time.</b> Will also be reviewed for consideration under statewide funding.
<i>Project name/limits:</i>	<b>Langdon Stormwater Management Facility</b>
<i>Project sponsor:</i>	Carroll County Commissioners/Bureau of Resource Management
<i>TAP request:</i>	<b>\$1,235,791.12</b>
<i>Total cost:</i>	\$1,544,738.91
<i>Project description:</i>	Construction of a wet pond to provide enhanced water quality, channel protection, and peak flow management for a 10-year event in the Double Pipe Creek watershed. The facility will treat a total of 203.46 acres of drainage area of which 92.1 acres are impervious surface with 28.66 acres of transportation-related impervious surface.
<i>Plan goals:</i>	1) <b>Conserves and enhances the environment</b> by a) investing in transportation programs and projects that reduce surface runoff and protect water resources and by b) preserving and protecting natural resources by decreasing stream bank erosion and enhancing fish habitat in the receiving stream.
<i>Suggested award:</i>	Award recommended at amount available to Baltimore region (\$979,941)

<i>Project name/limits:</i>	<b>Najoles Road Pond Retrofit and Stream Restoration</b> (West of I-97 and North of Benfield Blvd)
<i>Project sponsor:</i>	Anne Arundel County
<i>TAP request:</i>	<b>\$1,843,815</b>
<i>Total cost:</i>	\$2,951,212
<i>Project description:</i>	Retrofitting a non-functioning stormwater management pond so it reduces erosive flows and performs pollutant removal services; stabilizing stream banks and channel and reconnecting the system to its floodplain for 1800 linear feet downstream; stabilizing an eroding channel entering the stream
<i>Plan goals:</i>	1) <b>Conserves and enhances the environment</b> by stabilizing an eroding system and treating polluted runoff, resulting in direct benefits to water quality and natural resources downstream of I-97.
<i>Suggested award:</i>	<b>None at this time.</b> Will also be reviewed for consideration under statewide funding.
<i>Project name/limits:</i>	<b>Improving the First Mile of American Railroading</b> (B&O Railroad Museum)
<i>Project sponsor:</i>	Baltimore City Department of Transportation
<i>TAP request:</i>	<b>\$1,183,379</b>
<i>Total cost:</i>	\$1,483,379
<i>Project description:</i>	Restoration on the north passenger carshop (doors and windows) and the railroad bridge over S. Carey Street; installation of a crossing gate at S. Arlington Street; the replacement of outdated rail and switches on a 700 yard section of B&O museum ROW.
<i>Plan goals:</i>	1) <b>Improves system safety</b> by addressing the intersection of the B&O's line and Arlington Street, 2) <b>Preserves the existing infrastructure</b> by preserving the Carey Street Bridge, and 3) <b>Promotes prosperity and economic opportunity</b> by supporting a community resource.
<i>Suggested award:</i>	<b>None at this time.</b> Will also be reviewed for consideration under statewide funding.