

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #19-6**

**AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 – 2022 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, the Maryland Transit Administration, and Harford Transit; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region at its July 24, 2018 meeting and is awaiting federal approval; 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, the Maryland Department of Transportation on the behalf of the Maryland Transit Administration has requested approval of an amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation Improvement Program amendment process; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Transit Administration is requesting to incorporate a recently awarded competitive Bus and Bus Facilities grant for the Beyond the Bus Stop project (see attachment) to improve amenities for riders and operators at MTA bus stops; 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 presented to the Technical Committee on September 11, 2018.

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 2019-2022 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 September 25, 2018.

9-25-18

Date



Michelle Pourciau, Chair
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

Beyond the Bus Stop

TIP ID	40-1901-69	Year of Operation	2021
Agency	MTA - Transit	Project Type	Other
Project Category	Transit	Functional Class	NA
Conformity Status	Exempt	Physical Data	NA
CIP or CTP ID(s)	1524	Est. Total Cost	\$5,600,000

Description:

The Beyond the Bus Stop program aims to improve amenities for both riders and operators at bus stops around the network. The Beyond the Bus Stop program will improve the customer experience by adding real-time information signage and shelter improvements to bus stops, including some multi-modal transfers. The program also includes constructing comfort stations at Cedonia Loop and Patapsco Light Rail Station for use by MTA operators. Blue Light phones will also be added at these locations.

In addition to the matching funds listed, MTA has committed \$2.35 million in state dollars.

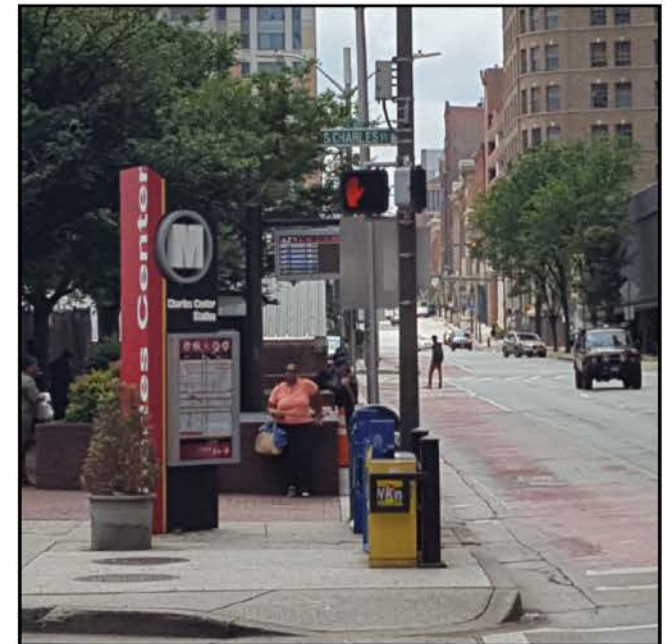
Justification:

With the launch of real-time information on the Transit mobile application, real-time information signage will extend that information to the users of the BaltimoreLink system who do not have access to mobile technology. MTA bus operators currently lack sufficient restrooms while operating their routes. In-service, plumbed bathrooms represent a dramatic enhancement to MTA operators' comfort while executing a challenging job.

Amendment: This amendment adds a new project to the 2019-2022 TIP using a federal Bus and Bus Facilities discretionary grant in the amount of \$2.6 million along with \$650,000 in matching funds. MTA will use the funds to improve amenities for riders and operators at bus stops. The amendment adds \$3.25 million to the 2019-2022 TIP.

Connection to Long-Range Transportation Planning Goals:

2.E Improve and Maintain the Existing Infrastructure -- Improve the condition of transit infrastructure and stations/stops.





Beyond the Bus Stop

(Funding in Thousands)

Section 5339 (Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant) -NEW

Phase	FY 2019 Federal Funds	FY 2019 Matching Funds	FY 2020 Federal Funds	FY 2020 Matching Funds	FY 2021 Federal Funds	FY 2021 Matching Funds	FY 2022 Federal Funds	FY 2022 Matching Funds	Total Four-Year Funding Request
CON	\$2,600	\$650	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,250
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	\$2,600	\$650	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,250
Total	\$2,600	\$650	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,250