Baltimore Regional Transportation Board
Resolution #21-23
Amendment to the 2021 – 2024 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 Annapolis Transit; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan
Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the 2021-2024 Transportation
Improvement Program for the Baltimore region at its August 25, 2020 meeting, with federal
approval on October 19, 2020; 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 behalf of the Maryland
Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) has requested approval of an amendment to the
2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation
Improvement Program amendment process; and

WHEREAS, MDOT MTA is requesting to add three discretionary grants awarded to
MDOT MTA through the FHWA Transportation Alternatives Program. These funds will be
used to complete final design on the 2.4 mile Belair Road and 3.7 mile Garrison Blvd Transit
Priority Initiative Corridors as well as final design on the Patapsco Pedestrian and Bicycle
Connection project (see attachment); 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, this project is consistent with the federal emphasis on performance-
based planning and programming, specifically the federal requirements pertaining to
safety; 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 March 2, 2021.

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 2021-2024 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 March 23, 2021.

3-23-2021
Date
Lynda Eisenberg, Chair
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board
MDOT MTA Transportation Alternatives Program Grants

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Description:
This is an ongoing program that includes funds associated with MDOT MTA sponsored projects receiving awards through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). TAP is a set-aside of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program. When transferred to MDOT MTA, these funds are flexed to FTA Section 5307. The TAP awards currently funded under this project include:
* Belair Road and Garrison Boulevard Transit Priority Initiatives: These projects will complete final design for improvements along Belair Road and Garrison Boulevard.
* Patapsco Pedestrian and Bicycle Connection: This project will complete final design for a bicycle and pedestrian connection between Cherry Hill and the Patapsco Light Rail station.

Justification:
The purpose of these projects is to improve bus reliability, reduce travel times, and support enhanced pedestrian safety.

Amendment: This amendment adds a new project to the 2021-2024 TIP including three discretionary grants awarded to MDOT MTA through the FHWA Transportation Alternatives Program. These projects include funds to complete final design for two Transit Priority Initiative corridors ($1.76 million federal/$440,000 matching). The third award will complete final design for a bicycle and pedestrian connection between Cherry Hill and the Patapsco Light Rail station ($624,000 federal/$156,000 matching). A total of $2.98 million is added to the 2021-2024 TIP.

Connection to Long-Range Transportation Planning Goals:
1. E Improve System Safety -- Improve safety conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists.
3. A Improve Accessibility -- Increase transportation alternatives for all segments of the population.
# MDOT MTA Transportation Alternatives Program Grants

(Funding in Thousands)

**Section 5307 Flex (STBG funds flexed to Section 5307)**

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TO:  MS. HEATHER MURPHY, DIRECTOR  
MDOT OFFICE OF PLANNING AND CAPITAL PROGRAMMING

ATTN:  MR. TYSON BYRNE, MANAGER  
MDOT OFFICE OF PLANNING AND CAPITAL PROGRAMMING

FROM:  MS. KATE SYLVESTER, DIRECTOR  
MDOT MTA OFFICE OF PLANNING AND CAPITAL PROGRAMMING

DATE:  February 8, 2021

SUBJECT:  Amendment to the FY 2021-2024 BMC/BRTB TIP

MDOT MTA is requesting an Amendment to the FY 2021-2024 BMC/BRTB TIP. MDOT MTA was awarded three Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) discretionary grants through the Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Program. The first two total $1.76M to complete the final design for 2.4-mile Belair Road & Garrison Boulevard Transit Priority Initiative Corridor. A $440K state match will be provided by MDOT.

The third discretionary grant awarded to MDOT MTA is in the amount of $624K to complete the final design for the PatapSCO Pedestrian and Bicycle Connection project. A $156K state match will be provided by MDOT.

The proposed action will not impact scheduling or funding availability for other projects in the current TIP, which continues to be fiscally constrained.

After your review, please process the requested Amendment for inclusion in the FY 2021-2024 BMC/BRTB TIP. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Lara Bachman, MDOT MTA Office of Planning and Capital Programming, at 410-767-3135 or via email at lbachman@mdot.maryland.gov.

cc:  Mr. Ian Beam, Regional Planner, Office of Planning & Capital Programming, MDOT  
Mr. Dan Janousek, Regional Planner, Office of Planning & Capital Programming, MDOT
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### Description

These projects will provide elements from MDOT MTA’s Transit Priority Toolkit including bus-bulb curb extensions at high ridership bus stops along the corridor. This will also complete the final design for the Patapsco Pedestrian and Bicycle Connection project phase 1 for a bicycle and pedestrian connection across Patapsco Avenue to improve bicyclist and pedestrian safety and access between Cherry Hill and Patapsco light rail station.

### Justification

The purpose of this project is to improve bus reliability, reduce travel times, and support enhanced pedestrian safety.

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