

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #21-28**

**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 a project to the 2021-2024 TIP utilizing a Section 5339(b) Buses and Bus Facilities discretionary grant. Grant funding will be used to assist in the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects (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 transit safety and maintaining transit assets in a state of good repair; 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

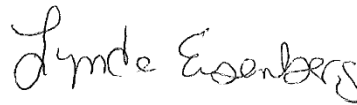
WHEREAS, the proposed Transportation Improvement Program amendment was presented to the Technical Committee on May 4, 2021.

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 May 25, 2021.

5-25-21

Date



Lynda Eisenberg, Chair
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

Buses and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant

TIP ID	40-2105-05	Year of Operation	Ongoing
Agency	MTA - Transit	Project Type	Fleet improvement
Project Category	Emission Reduction Strategy	Functional Class	NA
Conformity Status	Exempt	Physical Data	NA
CIP or CTP ID(s)		Est. Total Cost	\$5,603,000

Description:

The Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) will receive funding to assist in the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects, including replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing or leasing buses or related equipment, and rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing or leasing bus-related facilities.

Justification:

The Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) will use this funding to help improve the safety and reliability of transit bus service nationwide as the economy returns. This funding is necessary to maintain a state of good repair.

Amendment: This amendment adds a new project to the FY 2021-2024 TIP. MDOT MTA was awarded a Section 5339 (b) Buses and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant from the Federal Transit Administration totaling \$4.795 million. This funding will be used to replace diesel buses in Harford County with Compressed Natural Gas Buses, to purchase replacement transit vehicles and implement an automated bus stop announcement system in Howard County, and replace older vehicles in Carroll County. A total of \$5.603 million is added to the FY 2021-2024 TIP (\$4.795 million federal/\$808,000 matching)

Connection to Long-Range Transportation Planning Goals:

- 2.C Improve and Maintain the Existing Infrastructure -- Maintain/replace transit vehicles.
- 3.A Improve Accessibility -- Increase transportation alternatives for all segments of the population.
- 5.A Conserve and Enhance the Environment -- Provide alternatives to single-occupant passenger vehicles / apply emission reduction technologies.





Buses and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant

(Funding in Thousands)

Section 5339(b) (Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant) - New

Phase	FY 2021 Federal Funds	FY 2021 Matching Funds	FY 2022 Federal Funds	FY 2022 Matching Funds	FY 2023 Federal Funds	FY 2023 Matching Funds	FY 2024 Federal Funds	FY 2024 Matching Funds	Total Four-Year Funding Request
CON	\$4,795	\$808	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,603
OTH	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ENG	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
PL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$4,795	\$808	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,603
Total	\$4,795	\$808	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,603