

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #21-30**

**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 State of Good Repairs discretionary grant. Grant funding will be used to construct two additional storage tracks at Martin's Yard to absorb train sets displaced from Baltimore Penn Station. (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*

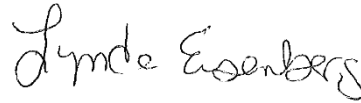
***WHEREAS**, the proposed Transportation Improvement Program amendment was presented to the Technical Committee on May 4, 2021.*

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

MARC Martin's Storage Yard

TIP ID	70-2102-54	Year of Operation	Ongoing
Agency	MTA - Commuter Rail	Project Type	Preservation and improvements
Project Category	Commuter Rail Preservation	Functional Class	NA
Conformity Status CIP or CTP ID(s)	Exempt 1217	Physical Data	NA
		Est. Total Cost	\$13,000,000

Description:

This project will construct two additional storage tracks at Martin's Yard to absorb train sets displaced from Baltimore Penn Station. This will allow state-of-good repair work and additional capacity at the Baltimore station.

Justification:

This project will result in reduced storage and layover operating fees, increase the flexibility and fluidity of revenue rail service through Penn Station, and support passenger rail traffic adjustments due to construction of the Baltimore & Potomac Tunnel's replacement.

Amendment: This amendment adds a new project to the FY 2021-2024 TIP. MDOT MTA was awarded a State of Good Repair discretionary grant from the Federal Transit Administration totaling \$9.4 million. This funding will be used to construct two additional storage tracks at Martin's Yard to absorb displaced train sets from Penn Station in Baltimore. A total of \$13.0 million is added to the FY 2021-2024 TIP for Planning and Construction (\$9.4 million federal/\$3.6 million matching).

Connection to Long-Range Transportation Planning Goals:

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





MARC Martin's Storage Yard

(Funding in Thousands)

State of Good Repair Discretionary Grant Program - 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	\$7,750	\$2,968	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,718
OTH	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ENG	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
PL	\$1,650	\$632	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,282
ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$9,400	\$3,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,000
Total	\$9,400	\$3,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,000