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 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region at its July 27, 2021 meeting, with federal approval on October 4, 2021; 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, Howard County and Carroll County have requested approval of amendments to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation Improvement Program amendment process; and

WHEREAS, Howard County is requesting to add a project to replace the Union Chapel Road Bridge over Cattail Creek. The 2022-2025 TIP must include this project in order to prepare and finalize NEPA documents for approval (see Attachment 1); and

WHEREAS, Carroll County is requesting to add two bridge projects, one will replace the Patapsco Road Bridge over the East Branch Patapsco River and the second will replace the Upper Beckleysville Road Bridge over Murphy Run to the 2022-2025 TIP. Both bridges are in poor condition and must be replaced to maintain safety (see Attachments 2 and 3); 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 TIP in the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act are met; and

WHEREAS, these projects are consistent with the federal emphasis on performance-based planning and programming, specifically the federal requirements pertaining to maintaining bridges 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 December 7, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approves the attached amendments to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region and finds the TIP continues 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 December 21, 2021.

December 21, 2021
Date

Ramond Robinson, Chair
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board