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, MDOT SHA and Baltimore City have requested approval of amendments to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation Improvement amendment process; and

WHEREAS, MDOT SHA is requesting to add a project to provide deck replacement on ten bridges at the I-95/I-695 Interchange. Deck replacement will prevent bridge decks from reaching a deteriorated condition. Additionally, the project will upgrade bridge parapets to meet current safety standards (see Attachment 1); and

WHEREAS, Baltimore City is requesting to add a project to the 2022-2025 TIP to provide protected bicycle facilities along Central Avenue between Baltimore Street and Fleet Street. This project will increase safety and comfort for all modes of travel (see Attachment 2); 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 January 4, 2022.

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 January 21, 2021.

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Date 1-21-2022

Sam Snead, Chair
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board
Central Avenue - Phase II

TIP ID: 12-1205-12
Year of Operation: 2022
Agency: Baltimore City
Project Category: Highway Preservation
Conformity Status: Exempt
CIP or CTP ID(s): 508-021

Project Type: Bicycle/pedestrian facilities
Functional Class: Minor Arterial
Physical Data: .44 miles, 5 to 3 lanes
Est. Total Cost: $53,451,191

Description:
This project will provide protected bicycle facilities on the Central Avenue Reconstruction Phase II project between Baltimore Street and Fleet. Work for this project will include pavement markings, vertical elements for delineating and protecting the bicycle facilities, upgraded crosswalks, and traffic signal modifications. The project will amend the lane configurations in the original Phase II project between Fleet Street and Baltimore Street, by reducing the typical section from 5 travel lanes to 3 travel lanes, or 4 through lanes to 2 through lanes. This segment represents 0.44 miles of the 0.64 mile long project.

Funding for Engineering was authorized in FY 2013

Justification:
Reducing the number of travel lanes from 5 to 3 and providing protected bike lanes will follow FHWA's guidelines on best practices for road diets and the bikeway selection guide from FHWA's Separated Bike Lane Planning Design Guide. Providing protected bike lanes will increase safety and comfort for all travel modes on Central Ave.

The City of Baltimore reviews projects for ped/bicycle safety to ensure they meet the goals for the corridor and neighborhood. DOT also has a bike policy that reviews projects compliance with the Bicycle Master Plan and will install bike facilities if possible to create a multi-modal transportation system within the city.

Amendment: This amendment adds a new project to the FY 2022-2025 TIP. This project was originally listed in the FY 2016-2019 TIP. The City desires to modify the striping plan to provide better bicycle facilities and increased pedestrian safety/comfort by lowering vehicular speeds. Inclusion of this project in the TIP is necessary to prepare and finalize NEPA documents. Funding for this project includes $750,000 for construction ($600,000 federal/$150,000 match) in FY 2022. The total estimated cost of the project is $53.451 million.

Connection to Long-Range Transportation Planning Goals:
1. Improve System Safety -- Improve safety conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists.
2. Improve Accessibility -- Provide or improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities that link to activity centers and public transit.
3. Conserve and Enhance the Environment -- Provide alternatives to single-occupant passenger vehicles / apply emission reduction technologies.
### Central Avenue - Phase II
(Funding in Thousands)

**Surface Transportation Block Grant Program**

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Connection to Long-Range Transportation Planning Goals:

2. A Improve and Maintain the Existing Infrastructure -- Improve the condition of roadway systems (pavement, bridges, tunnels).
## I-95/I-695 Interchange Bridge Deck Replacement

(Funding in Thousands)

### National Highway Performance Program (National Highway System, Interstate Maintenance, Bridge (on-System))

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