

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #23-10**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023 – 2026 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 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region at its August 23, 2022 meeting, with federal approval on September 7, 2022; 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 State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) has requested approval of eight amendments (see attachment) to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation Improvement Program amendment process; and

WHEREAS, MDOT SHA is requesting to add a new project to the 2023-2026 TIP that will provide a combination of geometric improvements and information technology along I-70, US 29, and US 40; and

WHEREAS, MDOT SHA is requesting to add a new project to the 2023-2026 TIP that will provide a combination of geometric improvements and information technology on I-97, including extending the left turn lane from eastbound US 50 to northbound I-97; and

WHEREAS, MDOT SHA is requesting to add a new project to the 2023-2026 TIP that reintroduces the I-795 Dolfield Boulevard interchange project back into the TIP. This project appeared in previous TIPs but has been on hold. The project will construct a new interchange at I-795 and Dolfield Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, MDOT SHA is requesting to add a new project to the 2023-2026 TIP for the MD 32: 2nd Street to Main Street project which will improve intersection geometry, extend turn lanes and modify access to MD 32; and

WHEREAS, MDOT SHA is requesting to add a new project to the 2023-2026 TIP for the MD 97: MD 140 to MD 496 Corridor Study. The corridor study will identify multi-modal transportation needs and develop conceptual safety and capacity improvements for future funding.

WHEREAS, MDOT SHA is requesting to add a new project to the 2023-2026 TIP to extend the existing noise barriers along MD 22: MD 462 to Mount Royal Avenue. This project is intended to mitigate noise impacts associated with previous BRAC improvement projects.

WHEREAS, MDOT SHA is requesting to add a new project to the 2023-2026 TIP for the US 29: Johns Hopkins Road to MD 32 Bicycle-Pedestrian Route. This feasibility study will collect data to recommend a preferred east to west alignment between the Rivers Edge Community, Clarksville Hunt Community and the Johns Hopkins Library Services Center.

WHEREAS, MDOT SHA is requesting to add a new project to the 2023-2026 TIP for MD 18B: Castle Marina Drive to the Kent Narrows. This corridor study will identify multi-modal transportation needs and develop conceptual improvements for future funding.

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program, as amended, continues to display financial reasonableness and reaffirms the appropriate project selection criteria whereby all requirements for a Transportation Improvement Program in the FAST Act are met; and

WHEREAS, the Interagency Consultation Group has determined that these projects are exempt according to the Conformity Rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Transportation Improvement Program amendments were presented to the Technical Committee on December 6, 2022.

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 2023-2026 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 December 20, 2022.

12-20-22
Date



Samuel Snead, Chair
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board