

# **BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

## **BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD RESOLUTION #24-22**

### **AMENDMENT TO THE 2024-2027 BALTIMORE REGION TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS**

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, encompassing the Baltimore Urban 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 the RTA of Central Maryland; and

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region at its July 27, 2023 meeting, with federal approval on October 25, 2023; 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 four amendments to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation Improvement Program amendment process; and

**WHEREAS**, MDOT MTA is requesting to add the Baltimore Penn Station project to the 2024-2027 TIP. MDOT MTA requests to develop plans to improve multimodal access at, and around Baltimore Penn Station utilizing Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) and Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) funding. (see attachment one); and

**WHEREAS**, MDOT MTA is requesting to add the Low or No Emission (Low-No) Anne Arundel County Bus Program project to the 2024-2027 TIP. MDOT MTA is adding Federal Transit Administration grant funding for the purchase of up to four low emission hybrid electric buses to support Anne Arundel County transit operations. (see attachment two); and

**WHEREAS**, MDOT MTA is requesting to add the Kirk Bus Facility project back into the 2024-2027 TIP. This project appeared in previous TIPs and construction is complete. This amendment will shift funds from previous fiscal years to ensure adequate federal funds in the year of obligation. (see attachment three); and

**WHEREAS**, MDOT MTA is requesting to amend the MARC Facilities project in the 2024-2027 TIP. This amendment adds construction funds for various improvements at Martin State Airport, BWI garage, Elkton, Odenton, and Bayview stations. Also included is the construction of the Riverside Heavy Duty Maintenance Facility. (see attachment four); 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 Infrastructure and Investment Jobs 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 April 2, 2024.

**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 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Programs for the Baltimore region and finds them 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 April 19, 2024.

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Anthony Russell, Chair  
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board