

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #24-23**

**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 one amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation Improvement Program amendment process; and

WHEREAS, MDOT MTA is requesting to add the Penn-Camden Connector project to the 2024-2027 TIP. This amendment will add \$11,000,000 in Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) funding for 30% design of a new rail connection between the Northeast Corridor and the MARC Camden Line as well as repurposing the Mount Clare Yard into a MARC layover facility. (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 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 May 7, 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 #24-23 on May 28, 2024.

Date

Anthony Russell, Chair
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

Penn-Camden Connector

TIP ID	42-2403-64	Year of Operation	2033
Agency	MTA - Transit	Project Type	Preservation and improvements
Project Category	Transit Capacity	Functional Class	NA
Conformity Status	Exempt	Physical Data	NA
CIP or CTP ID(s)	1570	Est. Total Cost	\$232,900,000

Description:

The Penn-Camden Connector project provides a connection track between the Northeast Corridor and the CSX-owned MARC Camden Line, utilizing mostly existing railroad right-of-way north of BWI Marshall Airport to allow Penn Line trains to access storage and maintenance at the Riverside Yard. The project includes repurposing CSX-owned Mount Clare Yard into a MARC layover facility.

Justification:

This connection will allow MARC to more efficiently bring its locomotives to MARC's Riverside Maintenance Facility, which is MARC's only backshop for locomotive servicing and maintenance. The connector will also allow MARC to store trainsets at a rail yard (Mt. Clare Yard) adjacent to Penn-Camden Connector, eliminating the need to store trains overnight at Amtrak's Penn Station.

Amendment: This amendment adds a new project to the FY 2024-2027 TIP and utilizes \$11.0 million in Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) funds for engineering in FY 2025 (\$8.8 million federal/\$2.2 million matching). This funding will be used to develop 30% design for a new track connection between the Northeast Corridor and the MARC Camden Line. The Mount Clare Yard will also be repurposed into a MARC layover facility. The total estimated cost of the project is \$232.9 million.

Connection to Long-Range Transportation Planning Goals:

- 2.E Improve and Maintain the Existing Infrastructure -- Improve the condition of transit infrastructure and stations/stops.
- 5.B Implement Env. Responsible Trans. Solutions -- Reduce emissions to support health & conform to AQ standards.





Penn-Camden Connector

(Funding in Thousands)

Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Discretionary Grant -NEW

Phase	FY 2024 Federal Funds	FY 2024 Matching Funds	FY 2025 Federal Funds	FY 2025 Matching Funds	FY 2026 Federal Funds	FY 2026 Matching Funds	FY 2027 Federal Funds	FY 2027 Matching Funds	Total Four-Year Funding Request
CON	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTH	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ENG	\$0	\$0	\$8,800	\$2,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,000
PL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$8,800	\$2,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,000
Total	\$0	\$0	\$8,800	\$2,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,000