

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

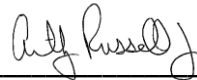
WHEREAS, the proposed Transportation Improvement Program amendment was presented to the Technical Committee on May 7, 2024.

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.

5-28-24

Date



Anthony Russell, Chair
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board