

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #24-6**

**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 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 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 25, 2023 meeting, with subsequent federal approval pending; 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 an 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 Martin Airport project to the 2024-2027 TIP. MDOT MTA requests to develop plans and complete environmental work utilizing All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP) funds. (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 (IIJA) 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 September 5, 2023.

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 September 26, 2023.

9-19-23

Date



Bruce Gartner, Chair
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

Martin Airport - All Stations Accessibility Program

TIP ID	73-2401-64	Year of Operation	2029
Agency	MTA - Commuter Rail	Project Type	Rehabilitation of facilities
Project Category	Commuter Rail Preservation	Functional Class	NA
Conformity Status	Exempt	Physical Data	NA
CIP or CTP ID(s)	1571	Est. Total Cost	\$8,910,000

Description:

Development of plans and completion of environmental work for the future renovation of the Martin Airport station on its Penn commuter rail line to make it safer and fully accessible. The station, located north of Baltimore currently requires riders to cross multiple tracks to board the train.

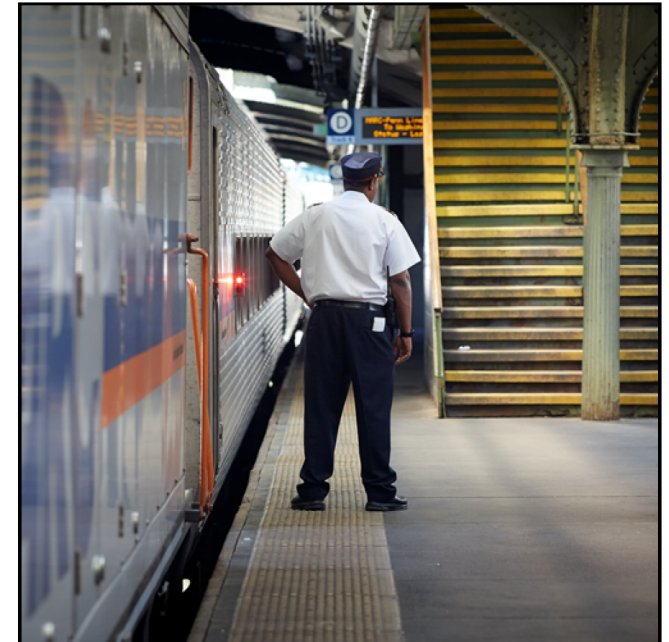
Justification:

To support those with disabilities and mobility needs to access some of the nation's oldest and busiest rail transit systems through essential upgrades, such as elevators. This project is part of the first round of funding per President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, designed to improve accessibility so everyone, including those who use wheelchairs, push strollers, or cannot easily navigate stairs, can reliably access the rail systems in their communities.

Amendment: This amendment adds a new project to the FY 2024-2027 TIP and utilizes All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP) funds. This project will include \$8.91 million (\$7.11 million federal/\$1.8 million matching) for engineering in FY 2024-2025. This funding will be used to prepare NEPA documents and develop construction plans for future improvements. The total cost for engineering and environmental work is \$8.91 million.

Connection to Long-Range Transportation Planning Goals:

- 1.E Improve System Safety -- Improve safety conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- 3.B Improve Accessibility -- Improve ADA-related conditions for pedestrians / transit riders.
- 3.E Improve Accessibility -- Provide or improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities that link to activity centers and public transit.





Martin Airport - All Stations Accessibility Program

(Funding in Thousands)

All Stations Accessibility Program -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	\$3,555	\$900	\$3,555	\$900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,910
PL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$3,555	\$900	\$3,555	\$900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,910
Total	\$3,555	\$900	\$3,555	\$900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,910