A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) BY THE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) OF THE BRTB

WHEREAS, the BRTB, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region responsible for transportation planning and policy making for the Baltimore region; and

WHEREAS, the PAC serves as an advisory body to the BRTB, charged with providing independent, region oriented citizen advice to the BRTB on issues related to the development of the Baltimore Regional Transportation Plan, Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and amendments that affect the region's conformity with federal air quality requirements, the public involvement process, regionally significant land use issues, and other regional transportation-related issues, as appropriate, promotes public awareness and participation in the regional transportation planning process and promotes equity in the regional transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the PAC has reviewed and discussed the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);

THEREFORE, be it resolved, the PAC submits the following comments:

- **Breakout transit funding by capacity and preservation** The PAC recommends that the TIP differentiate between transit capacity and transit preservation, similarly to the highway capacity and highway preservation categories.
- Increase funding for transit services in line with the new RTA Transit Development Plan The jurisdictions that are part of the RTA have recently developed a new Transit Development Plan (TDP) that includes more frequent service and additional routes. The TIP does not appear to show increased funding programmed for these improvements. The PAC recommends increased funding to carry out the recommendations in the TDP.
- Increase funding for the Transportation Alternatives Program The PAC recommends increased funding as part of the Transportation Alternatives Program for bicycle and pedestrian facilities that connects residents to transit and job centers.
- Additional funding for transit improvements beyond FY2019 The PAC recommends that the BRTB continue to fund, beyond FY 2019, additional upgrades and preservation of the transit system in order to build upon the successes of BaltimoreLink.
- Improve the TIP environmental justice analysis Recommend the BRTB provide details on the environmental justice analysis done for the 2019-2022 TIP and that the BRTB work to improve the analysis for the next TIP, in line with the PAC's recommendations on an equity framework.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the PAC thanks the BRTB for this opportunity to participate by sharing comments on these amendments. The PAC thanks the BRTB staff for facilitating its participation.

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