

**BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**RESOLUTION #16-6**

**RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE UPDATED BALTIMORE REGION  
COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT – HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) 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, and Howard, as well as representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Planning, and the Maryland Transit Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, has responsibility under the provisions of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Transit Administration, a modal division of the U.S. Department of Transportation, requires under MAP-21 the establishment of a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan. MAP-21 blended the New Freedom Program and the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program into a new Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. Guidance on the new program is provided in Federal Transit Administration Circular 9070.1G released on June 6, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Transit Administration requires a plan to be developed and periodically updated by a process that includes representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and participation by the public. Projects selected for funding under the 5310 Program are to be included in a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan. This plan has four required elements: 1) an assessment of available services that identifies current transportation providers (public, private and nonprofit), 2) an assessment of transportation needs for individuals with disabilities and seniors, 3) strategies, activities and/or projects to address the identified gaps between current services and needs, as well as opportunities to achieve efficiencies in service delivery, and 4) priorities for implementation based on resources, time, and feasibility for implementing specific strategies and/or activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of human services transportation coordination is to improve transportation services for individuals with disabilities and seniors by ensuring that communities coordinate transportation resources provided through multiple federal programs. This coordination serves to enhance transportation access, minimize duplication of services, and facilitate the most appropriate cost-effective transportation possible with available resources; and

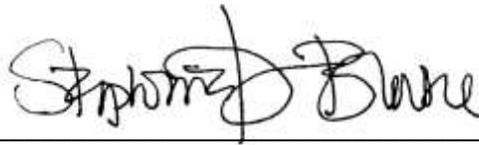
**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, in coordination with the Maryland Transit Administration as the designated recipient, coordinated an update to the 2010 Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan by engaging key stakeholders in an outreach effort to identify eligible strategies and activities (Attachment 1); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board endorses the assessment of unmet needs and recommended strategies and projects in the updated Baltimore Region Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the aforementioned resolution at its October 27, 2015 meeting.

10-27-15

Date



Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Vice Chair  
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board