

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #24-15**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE BALTIMORE REGION
TITLE VI PROGRAM UPDATE**

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) 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; and representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Planning, the Maryland Transit Administration, and RTA of Central Maryland; 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 21st Century Act (MAP-21) to develop and execute a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive and performance-based transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance, and Presidential Executive Order 13166 requires recipients of federal funds to assess, monitor, and address the needs of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) individuals seeking assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, in accordance with the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) most recent circular on Title VI compliance, FTA C 4702.1B, has updated its Title VI Assurances and reaffirmed a Title VI Policy Statement. Both of which are included in the Title VI Program Update, (Attachment 1) and in planning activities to ensure non-discrimination in the metropolitan transportation planning process for the Baltimore region; and

WHEREAS, separate appendices to the Title VI Program include the 2022 Public Participation Plan and the 2023 Limited English Proficiency Plan. The Disadvantaged Business Program was adopted in 2010 with a DBE Goal adopted each year at the time of approval of the Unified Planning Work Program. Also included as appendices are BMC's current templates for Request for Proposals and Contracts.

WHEREAS, with this Title VI review, the Americans with Disabilities Act Assessment has been updated and incorporated as a separate appendix.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region approves the Title VI Assurances, Title VI Policy Statement and ADA Assessment.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the aforementioned resolution at its February 27, 2024 meeting.

Date

D'Andrea Walker, Chairman
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board