



April 8, 2025

Secretary Paul J. Wiedefeld
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, Maryland 21076

Administrator Holly Arnold
Maryland MTA
6 St. Paul Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: BRTC and the MTA FY 2026 – 2027 Budget

Dear Secretary Wiedefeld and Administrator Arnold:

On May 13, 2024, I wrote to you as Chair of the Baltimore Regional Transit Commission (BRTC) about the expected timing and logistics of the statutorily-mandated process by which BRTC is to “review and comment on the Administration’s operating and capital budget requests for the Baltimore region.” Transportation Article, Section 7-213(G)(9). We appreciate MDOT’s efforts towards fulfilling that mandate in BRTC’s first year of existence, and also your commitment to enhancing and improving that process going forward.

With planning for the next budget year underway, I am writing to request that we formalize our process for this year so that the statutory requirement may be fully met. As we said in 2024, to fulfill the requirement, BRTC will need to see and review MTA’s budget as it is being developed within MTA and MDOT, in advance of any broader release especially of, but not limited to, the CTP draft. As part of MTA’s submission to the BRTC, it will be important for the Commission to be aware of any guidance, budget constraints, or relevant targets MDOT may provide to MTA for its budget development.

We continue to appreciate your hard work on behalf of Baltimore regional transit, and your constructive engagement and partnership with the BRTC. Please work with Commission staff to facilitate the flow of budget information as described.

Sincerely,

Jon Laria
Chair

cc: BRTC Commissioners

