

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #17-13**

**AMENDMENT TO THE 2017 – 2020 BALTIMORE REGION
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

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, and the Maryland Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region at its July 26, 2016 meeting, with federal approval on September 26, 2016; 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 the behalf of the Maryland Port Administration has requested approval of an amendment to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation Improvement Program amendment process; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Port Administration is requesting to incorporate a recent Federal Lands Access Program grant for the Masonville Cove Multimodal Transportation Feasibility Study project (see attachment) that will result in a plan to improve community access and increase usage of the Masonville Cove Urban Wildlife Refuge; 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 Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act are met; 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

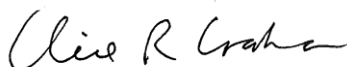
WHEREAS, the proposed Transportation Improvement Program amendment was publicized for a 30-day review from November 9, 2016 to December 12, 2016 with a public meeting on Wednesday, November 30 at the Pratt Free Library Brooklyn Branch and a presentation to the Public Advisory Committee on Wednesday, December 7. No comments were received on this project.

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 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region and finds it 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 January 24, 2017.

1/24/2017

Date



Clive Graham, Chairman

Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

Masonville Cove Multimodal Transportation Feasibility Study

TIP ID	32-1701-03	Year of Operation	2017
Agency	Maryland Port Administration	Project Type	Bicycle/pedestrian facilities
Project Category	Emission Reduction Strategy	Functional Class	NA
Conformity Status	Exempt	Physical Data	Approximately 2 mile study area
CIP or CTP ID(s)		Est. Total Cost	\$153,900

Description:

The project includes performing an alternative multimodal transportation feasibility study that will evaluate alternative public access solutions to develop a comprehensive public access plan for the Masonville Cove Urban Wildlife Refuge owned by the Maryland Department of Transportation Port Administration. Potential solutions include but are not limited to construction of sidewalks and a multi-use trail along the length of the refuge and various means to access the trail, such as construction of roadway underpass and overpass crossings. The study will result in a plan to improve community access and increase usage of the refuge.

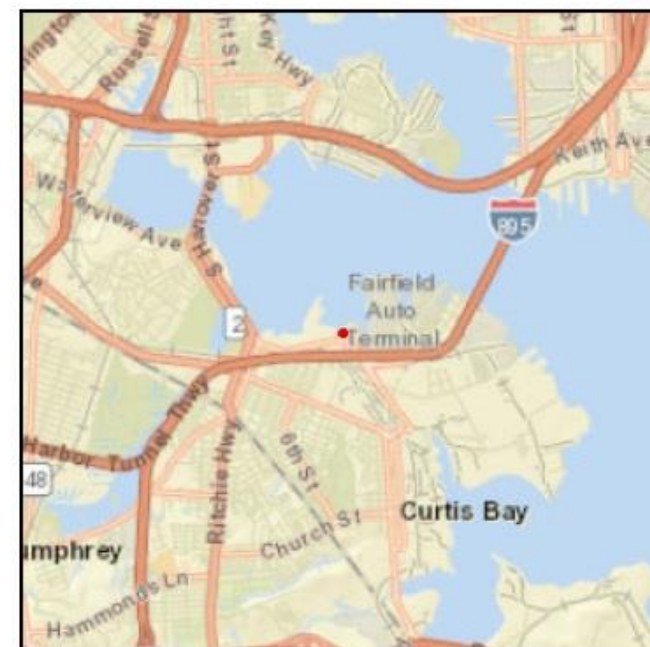
Justification:

This project is necessary to examine the feasibility of options for increasing pedestrian and intermodal public access to the Masonville Cove Urban Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge is difficult for safe pedestrian access from the neighboring communities due to major road and rail infrastructure surrounding the campus.

Amendment: This amendment adds a new project to the 2017-2020 TIP utilizing FHWA Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funds. The project allocates federal FLAP funds to the preliminary engineering phase in the amount of \$153,900.

Connection to Long-Range Transportation Planning Goals:

- 1.E Improve System Safety -- Improve safety conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- 2.F Improve and Maintain the Existing Infrastructure -- Improve the condition of pedestrian and bicycle facilities.



**Masonville Cove Multimodal Transportation Feasibility Study**

(Funding in Thousands)

Federal Lands Access Program

Phase	FY 2017 Federal Funds	FY 2017 Matching Funds	FY 2018 Federal Funds	FY 2018 Matching Funds	FY 2019 Federal Funds	FY 2019 Matching Funds	FY 2020 Federal Funds	FY 2020 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
PE	\$153	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$153
PP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$153	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$153
Total	\$153	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$153