

**BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
RESOLUTION #21-23**

**AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 – 2024 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, the Maryland Transit Administration, and Annapolis Transit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region at its August 25, 2020 meeting, with federal approval on October 19, 2020; 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 behalf of the Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) has requested approval of an amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation Improvement Program amendment process; and

**WHEREAS**, MDOT MTA is requesting to add three discretionary grants awarded to MDOT MTA through the FHWA Transportation Alternatives Program. These funds will be used to complete final design on the 2.4 mile Belair Road and 3.7 mile Garrison Blvd Transit Priority Initiative Corridors as well as final design on the Patapsco Pedestrian and Bicycle Connection project (see attachment); 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**, this project is consistent with the federal emphasis on performance-based planning and programming, specifically the federal requirements pertaining to safety; 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

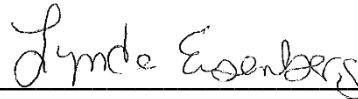
**WHEREAS**, the proposed Transportation Improvement Program amendment was presented to the Technical Committee on March 2, 2021.

**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 2021-2024 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 March 23, 2021.

3-23-2021

Date



Lynda Eisenberg, Chair

Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

### MDOT MTA Transportation Alternatives Program Grants

<b>TIP ID</b>	40-2104-29	<b>Year of Operation</b>	Ongoing
<b>Agency</b>	MTA - Transit	<b>Project Type</b>	Other
<b>Project Category</b>	Enhancement Program	<b>Functional Class</b>	NA
<b>Conformity Status</b>	Exempt	<b>Physical Data</b>	N/A
<b>CIP or CTP ID(s)</b>		<b>Est. Total Cost</b>	\$2,980,000

**Description:**

This is an ongoing program that includes funds associated with MDOT MTA sponsored projects receiving awards through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). TAP is a set-aside of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program. When transferred to MDOT MTA, these funds are flexed to FTA Section 5307. The TAP awards currently funded under this project include:  
 \*Belair Road and Garrison Boulevard Transit Priority Initiatives: These projects will complete final design for improvements along Belair Road and Garrison Boulevard.  
 \*Patapsco Pedestrian and Bicycle Connection: This project will complete final design for a bicycle and pedestrian connection between Cherry Hill and the Patapsco Light Rail station.

**Justification:**

The purpose of these projects is to improve bus reliability, reduce travel times, and support enhanced pedestrian safety.

**Amendment:** This amendment adds a new project to the 2021-2024 TIP including three discretionary grants awarded to MDOT MTA through the FHWA Transportation Alternatives Program. These projects include funds to complete final design for two Transit Priority Initiative corridors (\$1.76 million federal/\$440,000 matching). The third award will complete final design for a bicycle and pedestrian connection between Cherry Hill and the Patapsco Light Rail station (\$624,000 federal/\$156,000 matching). A total of \$2.98 million is added to the 2021-2024 TIP.

**Connection to Long-Range Transportation Planning Goals:**

- 1.E Improve System Safety -- Improve safety conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- 3.A Improve Accessibility -- Increase transportation alternatives for all segments of the population.





MDOT MTA Transportation Alternatives Program Grants

(Funding in Thousands)

Section 5307 Flex (STBG funds flexed to Section 5307) - New

Phase	FY 2021 Federal Funds	FY 2021 Matching Funds	FY 2022 Federal Funds	FY 2022 Matching Funds	FY 2023 Federal Funds	FY 2023 Matching Funds	FY 2024 Federal Funds	FY 2024 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
ENG	\$0	\$0	\$2,384	\$596	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,980
PL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,384</b>	<b>\$596</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,980</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,384</b>	<b>\$596</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,980</b>



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**TO:** MS. HEATHER MURPHY, DIRECTOR  
MDOT OFFICE OF PLANNING AND CAPITAL PROGRAMMING

**ATTN:** MR. TYSON BYRNE, MANAGER  
MDOT OFFICE OF PLANNING AND CAPITAL PROGRAMMING

**FROM:** MS. KATE SYLVESTER, DIRECTOR *KS*  
MDOT MTA OFFICE OF PLANNING AND CAPITAL PROGRAMMING

**DATE:** February 8, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to the FY 2021-2024 BMC/BRTB TIP

MDOT MTA is requesting an Amendment to the FY 2021-2024 BMC/BRTB TIP. MDOT MTA was awarded three Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) discretionary grants through the Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Program. The first two total \$1.76M to complete the final design for 2.4-mile Belair Road & Garrison Boulevard Transit Priority Initiative Corridor. A \$440K state match will be provided by MDOT.

The third discretionary grant awarded to MDOT MTA is in the amount of \$624K to complete the final design for the Patapsco Pedestrian and Bicycle Connection project. A \$156K state match will be provided by MDOT.

The proposed action will not impact scheduling or funding availability for other projects in the current TIP, which continues to be fiscally constrained.

After your review, please process the requested Amendment for inclusion in the FY 2021-2024 BMC/BRTB TIP. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Lara Bachman, MDOT MTA Office of Planning and Capital Programming, at 410-767-3135 or via email at [lbachman@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:lbachman@mdot.maryland.gov).

cc: Mr. Ian Beam, Regional Planner, Office of Planning & Capital Programming, MDOT  
Mr. Dan Janousek, Regional Planner, Office of Planning & Capital Programming, MDOT

### Transit Priority Initiative (TAP)

<b>TIP ID #</b>	Pending	<b>Year of Operation</b>	Ongoing
<b>Agency</b>	MTA - Transit	<b>Project Type</b>	Enhancement
<b>Project Category</b>	Transit	<b>Functional Class</b>	NA
<b>Conformity Status</b>	Exempt	<b>Physical Data</b>	NA
<b>CIP / CTP Page #</b>	Multiple	<b>Est. Total Cost</b>	\$ 2,980,000

Description	Justification
These projects will provide elements from MDOT MTA’s Transit Priority Toolkit including bus-bulb curb extensions at high ridership bus stops along the corridor. This will also complete the final design for the Patapsco Pedestrian and Bicycle Connection project phase 1 for a bicycle and pedestrian connection across Patapsco Avenue to improve bicyclist and pedestrian safety and access between Cherry Hill and Patapsco light rail station.	The purpose of this project is to improve bus reliability, reduce travel times, and support enhanced pedestrian safety.

#### Section 5307 Flex (Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program )

Phase	Previous Requests		Annual Element		Federal Funding Requests (\$000)						Project Totals
	Previous Federal Funds	Previous Matching Funds	FY2021 Federal Funds	FY2021 Matching Funds	FY2022 Federal Funds	FY2022 Matching Funds	FY2023 Federal Funds	FY2023 Matching Funds	FY2024 Federal Funds	FY2024 Matching Funds	Estimated Project Total
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#### Funding Source(s) Total

Totals	Previous Requests		Annual Element		Federal Funding Requests (\$000)						Project Totals
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