

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #25-10**

**The one MTA Project in #25-12 has been merged with #25-10 after Technical
Committee meeting**

**AMENDMENT TO THE 2025-2028 BALTIMORE REGION
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board 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 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 the RTA of Central Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region at its July 23, 2024 meeting, with federal approval pending; 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 Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) has requested approval of four amendments to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation Improvement Program amendment process; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) on behalf of Baltimore City is requesting to add the RAISE Transit Priority project to the 2025-2028 TIP, shifting funds to the anticipated year of obligation. The project will invest in dedicated bus lanes, transit signal priority, accessibility improvements, and other strategies using \$22.00 million in RAISE formula funds; and

WHEREAS, MDOT MTA is requesting to amend the FY 2025-2028 TIP to include a break-out project. The Patapsco Avenue Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge will shift \$780,000 in Section 5307 flex funds to reflect proper year of obligation, and adds \$5.0 million in congressionally directed spending awarded in FY 2024; and

WHEREAS, MDOT MTA is requesting to amend the FY 2025-2028 TIP to add a new project called: MTA Cloud-Based Signal Priority. This project will install cloud-based signal priority solutions at approximately 90 intersections in the region using Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) funds; and

WHEREAS, MDOT MTA is requesting on behalf of Howard County to amend the FY 2025-2028 TIP to add a new project called: US 29 Bus Rapid Transit Stations. This project will construct raised bus stop platforms at Maple Lawn Boulevard, Johns Hopkins Road, and Downtown Columbia in Howard County; 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 Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act are met; and

WHEREAS, these projects are consistent with the federal emphasis on performance-based planning and programming, specifically the federal requirements pertaining to transit safety and maintaining transit assets in a state of good repair; and

WHEREAS, the Interagency Consultation Group has determined that these projects are 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 November 6, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approves the attached amendments to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region and finds them 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 November 19, 2024.

Date

Anthony Russell, Chair
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board