

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #25-16**

**ENDORING PROJECTS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE SECTION 5310 ENHANCED
MOBILITY FOR SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM OF THE
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) CONSISTENT WITH TRANSPORTATION
PLANS AND POLICIES IN THE BALTIMORE REGION**

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 (BRTB), the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Baltimore region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the FAST Act continues to support the new Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. This review follows Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 9070.1G issued on June 6, 2014. The new Section 5310 program authorizes four types of projects: 1) public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and people with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, unavailable or inappropriate; 2) public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990; 3) public transportation projects that improve access to fixed route service and decrease reliance by people with disabilities on complementary paratransit; and 4) alternatives to public transportation that assist seniors and people with disabilities with transportation; and

WHEREAS, projects funded by the Enhanced Mobility Program must respond to strategies in a "locally developed, coordinated public transit - human services transportation plan." On December 17, 2019, through Resolution #20-9, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board approved an updated version of the Baltimore Area Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2024 the MDOT Maryland Transit Administration held a Grant Application Process Review Meeting for the Section 5310 Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 grant program; and

WHEREAS, applicants had until November 27, 2024 to submit requests for the Section 5310 Grant Program. Applications come from private non-profit organizations that provide transportation services to the elderly and individuals with disabilities in the Baltimore region. Applications were reviewed to ascertain if they support any of the regional strategies adopted in 2019; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region endorses xx applications (Attachment 1) for funding under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Grant Program.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region approved the aforementioned resolution at its December 19, 2024 meeting.

Date

Anthony Russell, Chair
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board