

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #25-27**

**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 on August 8, 2024; 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 one amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation Improvement Program amendment process; and

WHEREAS, MDOT MTA is requesting to amend the FY 2025-2028 TIP for the Rural Transit Systems – Operating Assistance project. MDOT MTA is adding \$1.556 million in FY 2025 to support transit operations in Baltimore and Carroll counties. The total estimated cost for the project is \$3.470 million; 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 April 1, 2025.*

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 April 25, 2025.

Date

Anthony Russell, Chair
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

40-9204-61 - Rural Transit Systems - Operating Assistance

This project provides operating assistance to transit systems located in the Baltimore region. Transit agencies eligible for funding include Baltimore County (Baltimore County Office of Aging) and Carroll Transit System.

Costs generally associated with operating assistance can include utilities, miscellaneous equipment, fuel/oil, and driver, maintenance staff, and administrative salaries.

Agency	MTA - Transit
Year of Operation	Ongoing
Project Category	Transit Preservation
Project Type	Operating assistance (TP)
Conformity	Exempt
Functional Classification	NA
CIP ID	-
CTP ID	40-9204-61
Route/Road Name	-
Length	-
Existing Lanes	-
Proposed Lanes	-
Estimated Total Cost	\$3,470,000
Project Benefits	Rural transit operating assistance will enable transportation systems to finance the operation of their services.
Connection to Long-Range Transportation Planning Goals	3.A Improve Accessibility -- Increase transportation options and equity for all segments of the population 5.A Implement Environmentally Responsible Transportation Solutions -- Coordinate to reduce delay & increase non-SOV through performance-based planning & programming
Project Changes	This amendment will modify the FY 2025-2028 TIP to add \$1.566M (\$0.783M federal 5311 funds / \$0.783M local match) for transit system operations. This funding support transit operations in Carroll and Baltimore counties. The description was also modified to clarify that Baltimore County funds go to Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation. The total estimated cost increases from \$1.904M to \$3.470M.



UPDATED

Phase	Fund Source	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Total
OTH	53110	<u>\$1,021,000</u>	-	-	-	<u>\$1,021,000</u>
OTH	State	<u>\$1,021,000</u>	-	-	-	<u>\$1,021,000</u>
Total OTH		<u>\$2,042,000</u>	-	-	-	<u>\$2,042,000</u>
CON	53110	-	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$714,000
CON	State	-	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$714,000
Total CON		-	\$476,000	\$476,000	\$476,000	\$1,428,000
Total Programmed		<u>\$2,042,000</u>	\$476,000	\$476,000	\$476,000	<u>\$3,470,000</u>

ORIGINAL

Phase	Fund Source	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Total
OTH	53110	\$238,000	-	-	-	\$238,000
OTH	State	\$238,000	-	-	-	\$238,000
Total OTH		\$476,000	-	-	-	\$476,000
CON	53110	-	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$714,000
CON	State	-	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$238,000	\$714,000
Total CON		-	\$476,000	\$476,000	\$476,000	\$1,428,000
Total Pro-grammed		\$476,000	\$476,000	\$476,000	\$476,000	\$1,904,000