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Secretary Peter Buttigieg  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, District of Columbia 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB), the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, is pleased to offer its support to the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Aviation Administration's (MDOT MAA) application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to help fund **the BWI Marshall Airport Roadway, Multi-Modal and Cargo Modernization Planning Study**.

The BWI Marshall Airport Roadway, Multi-Modal and Cargo Modernization Planning Study is needed to adapt and modernize airport infrastructure and surrounding county and state roadways to meet changing airport, public and employee transportation needs, as well as to address evolving opportunities as they relate to air cargo and multi-modal surface delivery logistics. Landside, roadway and cargo area concepts would be developed to address capacity needs and optimize airport traveler experience, while achieving regional and local objectives of improving safety, reducing emissions, minimizing environmental impacts, and improving access to employment opportunities.

The Study would include an investment roadmap, developed in close collaboration with agency partners and local stakeholders, to maximize the potential and economic health of the region and the State of Maryland in an equitable, resilient and sustainable manner. The Planning Study aligns with MDOT MAA's mission to "foster the vitality of aviation statewide and promote safe and efficient operations, economic viability, and environmental stewardship," and would demonstrate a commitment to the U.S. DOT's objectives of safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, innovation and partnership.

The BRTB looks forward to working as a stakeholder with MDOT MAA on the BWI Marshall Airport Roadway, Multi-Modal and Cargo Modernization Planning Study, and thank you for your consideration of investment in this important planning initiative.

The BRTB is committed to adding all funds awarded under this program to the Transportation Improvement Program immediately upon award and amending the project into our long-range transportation plan.



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As you may be aware, it is our practice to add grant-funded projects to the TIP and LRTP once funds become available. The BRTB appreciates your favorable consideration of this application. This project directly responds to the goals identified in the Baltimore region's long-range transportation plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lynda Eisenberg'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lynda Eisenberg, Empowered Chair