



Metropolitan Washington  
Council of Governments

July 12, 2021

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

Re: Support letter for Maryland Aviation Administration's (MDOT MAA) application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant for the BWI Marshall Airport Roadway, Multi-Modal and Cargo Modernization Planning Study.

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), I am writing to offer our support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Aviation Administration's (MDOT MAA) application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant to help fund the BWI Marshall Airport Roadway, Multi-Modal and Cargo Modernization Planning Study.

As the association of local governments in metropolitan Washington, COG supports efforts to 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. The BWI Marshall Airport Roadway, Multi-Modal and Cargo Modernization Planning Study is such an effort. COG understands that 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. COG is particularly happy to learn that the Study would include an investment roadmap, developed in close collaboration with agency partners and local stakeholders, to maximize the potential economic benefits to the region and the State of Maryland in an equitable, resilient, and sustainable manner.

I understand that 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. COG looks forward to working as a stakeholder with MDOT MAA on this Study and thanks you for your consideration of investment in this important planning initiative.

Please contact Mr. Timothy Canan, COG Director of Continuous Airport Systems Planning Program, at (202) 962-3280, [tcanan@mwkog.org](mailto:tcanan@mwkog.org) if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chuck Bean'.

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COG, Executive Director