



GREATER BALTIMORE COMMITTEE

Regional business leaders creating a better tomorrow...today.

Calvin G. Butler Jr., Chair
Exelon & Exelon Utilities

Donald C. Fry
President & CEO

July 12, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Greater Baltimore Committee (GBC) fully supports 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.

In addition, the Planning Study aligns with one of the GBC's core pillars for a competitive business environment:

Superior transportation infrastructure with reliable funding mechanisms. An essential prerequisite of a competitive business environment includes well-funded and maintained highway, transit, port, and airport infrastructure that provides reliable and efficient options to move people, goods, and services.

The GBC looks forward to working as a stakeholder with MDOT MAA on the BWI Marshall Airport Roadway, Multi-Modal and Cargo Modernization Planning Study, and thanks you for your consideration of investment in this important planning initiative. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 410-727-2820 ext. 12 or donaldf@gbc.org.

Sincerely,

Donald C. Fry
President & CEO