



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,

I write today to express my strong support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Aviation Administration's (MDOT MAA) application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding for the **BWI Marshall Airport Roadway, Multi-Modal and Cargo Modernization Planning Study**.

The Greater Washington Board of Trade is the region's premier business organization and has represented all industry sectors for more than 130 years. Over that long history, our organization has championed much of the region's infrastructure and amenities, from the Metro system to Union Station to our exceptional network of public parks. We continue to advocate that the region enhance and modernize its transportation infrastructure and believe it is critical to make decisions strategically based on sound analysis.

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 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 Greater Washington Board of Trade looks forward to working as a stakeholder with MDOT MAA on the BWI Marshall Airport Roadway, Multi-Modal and Cargo Modernization Planning Study. More than ever, we need to focus on smart, innovative solutions that maximize the potential and economic health of the region in an equitable, resilient, and sustainable manner.

Thank you for your consideration of investment in this important planning initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack McDougle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

Jack McDougle
President and CEO
Greater Washington Board of Trade

Cc: Gregory I. Slater, Secretary of Transportation, Maryland Department of Transportation