



Maryland DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

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 Maryland Department of Planning 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*. This critical study aligns with Maryland's planning policies that encourage multi-modal transportation improvements to facilitate "the safe, convenient, affordable, and efficient movement of people, goods, and services within and between population and business centers."

The Study is needed so that Maryland can adapt and modernize the airport and the surrounding area's multi-modal infrastructure to meet changing airport ground transportation needs and evolving commercial markets and development opportunities, as they relate to air cargo and multi-modal surface delivery logistics. The Study would develop landside, transportation, and cargo area concepts to optimize traveler experiences, while achieving the objectives of improving safety, reducing emissions, minimizing environmental impacts, and improving access to employment opportunities. The Study would also include an investment roadmap to maximize the economic health of the region, and the State of Maryland, in an equitable, resilient and sustainable manner.

The Maryland Department of Planning has previously collaborated with MDOT to support multi-modal transportation projects that enhance economic, social and environmental sustainability in Maryland, and we look forward to working as a stakeholder with MDOT MAA on the *BWI Marshall Airport Roadway, Multi-Modal and Cargo Modernization Planning Study*. We appreciate your strong consideration of this important grant application.

Sincerely,

Robert S. McCord
Secretary

CC: Kevin Clarke, Director of Planning & Environmental Services, MDOT MAA