



# Maryland

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Maryland Department of the Environment 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. 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 Maryland Department of the Environment 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.

Sincerely,

Ben Grumbles  
Secretary