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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) fully supports the MDOT 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 the surrounding roadway network to meet changing airport public and employee transportation needs, as well as to address evolving air cargo and multimodal surface delivery logistics opportunities. Landside, roadway, and cargo area concepts would be developed to address capacity needs and optimize airport traveler experience, while achieving regional and local objectives to improve safety, reduce emissions, minimize environmental impacts, and improve access to employment opportunities. The study would include an investment roadmap, developed in close collaboration with agency partners such as MDOT SHA and local stakeholders, to maximize the economic health of the region and Maryland in an equitable, resilient, and sustainable manner. The 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 United States Department of Transportation's objectives of safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, innovation, and partnership.

Thank you for your consideration of investment in this important planning initiative. The MDOT SHA looks forward to working with MDOT MAA on the BWI Marshall Airport Roadway, Multi-Modal and Cargo Modernization Planning Study. If you have any questions, please contact C. Scott Pomento, P.E., MDOT SHA Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineer Director, at 410-545-0411 or via email at [spomento@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:spomento@mdot.maryland.gov). Mr. Pomento will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maurice Agostino".

Maurice Agostino, P.E.  
Acting Deputy Administrator

cc: C. Scott Pomento, P.E., Director, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, MDOT SHA