



National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board

February 23, 2024

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Re: FY 2024 RAISE Program Grant Application by the Maryland Aviation Administration for the BWI Marshall Airport Multi-Modal Ground Transportation Center and Automated People Mover Planning Study

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express the support of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the National Capital Region, for an application by the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) for a FY 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program planning grant for the Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall) Multi-Modal Ground Transportation Center and Automated People Mover Planning Study.

The purpose of the Planning Study is to identify critical actions to modernize key airport infrastructure, streamline the passenger journey to and from BWI Marshall, and improve employment and visitor access to the airport and its vicinity. The Planning Study will help the MAA and its partners in addressing evolving public and employee transportation needs and incorporating new opportunities and developing technologies in travel, advanced mobility, and climate resilience. Concepts will be developed for an efficient and financially sustainable centrally located ground transportation center and an automated people mover that connects key facilities at and around the airport, leading to an investment roadmap for implementation.

The TPB is housed by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG). Together, TPB/COG have conducted the Continuous Airport System Planning Program (CASP) for 40 years for the Washington-Baltimore Air System Planning Region. The TPB has conducted the regional air passenger survey at the three Baltimore-Washington area airports (BWI, DCA, IAD) since 1973, as well as the periodic Ground Access Travel Time Study. The TPB will work with the MAA on the Planning Study to incorporate the findings of the latest travel time study and identify improvements needed for travelers to and from the National Capital Region.

The TPB requests your favorable consideration of this request by the Maryland Aviation Administration. Improvements in transportation access to the airports, including BWI Marshall, is of tremendous importance to the region's residents and businesses, as well as the many visitors to the National Capital.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christina Henderson'.

Christina Henderson
Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

Cc: Sean Winkler, Manager, Federal Infrastructure Strategy, Office of Government Affairs, MDOT