

February 27, 2024

Secretary Peter Buttigieg
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington District of Columbia 20590

RE: Commitment of State Matching Funds in Support of RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) is financially committed to supporting our application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant for the **BWI Marshall Airport Multi-Modal Ground Transportation Center & Automated People Mover Planning Study** (Planning Study). The Planning Study aligns with 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, mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness and opportunity, state of good repair, partnership and collaboration, and innovation.

The Planning Study will cost approximately \$1,000,000 with 80% funded by the RAISE Grant. MAA will commit State funds to achieve a 20% matching share, and MAA commits to fund additional costs to complete the study scope as needed, should the budget exceed the \$1,000,000 estimate. MAA Office of Planning and Environmental Services, who will administer the planning study, oversees a Capital Planning Budget of \$77 million (of which nearly \$36 million is State funded), which is programmed in MDOT's six-year Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP). This budget allows for sufficient capacity to address on-going and as-needed planning initiatives.

Thank you for your consideration of investment in this important planning initiative. Please feel free to contact me at 410-859-7060 or rsmith4@bwiairport.com if you have additional questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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