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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Visit Annapolis & Anne Arundel County, the destination marketing and management organization dedicated to fostering a welcoming destination and promoting tourism for Anne Arundel County, the county in which Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport is located, fully supports the Maryland Aviation Administration's (MAA) application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to help fund **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.

As the 22<sup>nd</sup> busiest airport in the United States, with substantial projected passenger growth in the Washington-Baltimore region, the Planning Study is needed to modernize key airport infrastructure, streamline the passenger journey to and from BWI Marshall Airport, and improve employment and visitor access at and surrounding the airport. This study will address changing public and employee transportation needs and incorporate evolving opportunities and technologies as they relate to modes of travel, advanced mobility, and climate resilience.

Visit Annapolis & Anne Arundel County fully supports and looks forward to collaborating with MAA on the BWI Marshall Airport Multi-Modal Ground Transportation Center & Automated People Mover Planning Study and thanks you for your consideration of investment in this important planning initiative.

Sincerely,

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