

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 6, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are pleased to support 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 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 demonstrates 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 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.

As the 22nd busiest airport in the United States, and with substantial projected passenger growth in the Washington-Baltimore region, BWI Marshall is challenged to accommodate passenger demands and maximize land use within its campus. Concepts will be developed for an efficient and fiscally prudent centrally located ground transportation center and automated people mover that connects key facilities at and around the airport. These concepts will address capacity needs and the traveler experience, while achieving regional and local objectives of improving safety, reducing emissions, minimizing environmental impacts, and improving access to employment opportunities. The Planning Study would include an investment roadmap developed in close collaboration with agency partners and local stakeholders to maximize the economic health of the region in an equitable, resilient, and sustainable manner.

We fully support MDOT MAA's proposed BWI Marshall Airport Multi-Modal Ground Transportation Center & Automated People Mover Planning Study and request that you give its application every consideration.

Sincerely,



Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator



Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator



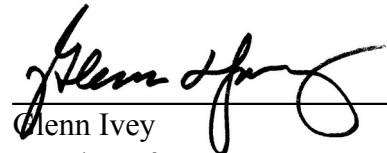
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