

February 29, 2024

Ms. Valeriya Remezova  
Division Administrator  
Attn: Ms. Jasmine Champion  
Federal Highway Administration  
Maryland Division  
George H. Fallon Federal Building  
31 Hopkins Plaza, Suite 1520  
Baltimore MD 21201

Ms. Terry Garcia Crews  
Regional Administrator  
Attn: Mr. Daniel Koenig  
Federal Transit Administration, Region III  
1835 Market Street, Suite 1910  
Philadelphia PA 19103-2968

Dear Ms. Remezova and Ms. Crews:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) hereby requests to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2025 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to reflect the addition of one project to the Baltimore Regional Transportation Planning Board (BRTB) FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on behalf of Harford County for the City of Aberdeen.


The BRTB approved an amendment to the TIP for this project on November 27, 2024, and MDOT has designated Control #22-103 for this amendment to the STIP. Their approval and supporting documentation are attached.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>STIP #</b>	<b>TIP #</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>FY22-FY25 Net Federal Change (in 000's)</b>
<b>Aberdeen Transit Oriented Development Station Square</b>	<b>15-2405-55</b>	<b>15-2405-55</b>	<b>FTA Community Project funds (CPF)</b>	<b>5,000</b>

Ms. Valeriya Remezova  
Ms. Terry Garcia Crews  
Page Two

The Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program continues to be fiscally constrained. Should you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Dan Janousek at 410-865-1098, toll free 888-713-1414 or via e-mail at [djanousek@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:djanousek@mdot.maryland.gov). Of course, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tyson Byrne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tyson" and last name "Byrne" clearly legible.

Tyson Byrne  
Regional Planning Manager  
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

Attachment

cc: Mr. Dan Janousek, Regional Planner, OPCP, MDOT



February 27, 2024

Ms. Heather Murphy  
Office of Planning & Capital Programming  
**Attn: Mr. Dan Janousek**  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
7201 Corporate Center Drive  
Hanover, MD 21076-1415

Dear Ms. Murphy:

Enclosed is one amendment to the *2024-2027 Baltimore Region Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* as approved by the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) on February 27, 2024. The documentation enclosed supports changes to the *2024-2027 TIP* for one project in Aberdeen.

- **Aberdeen Transit Oriented Development Station Square: 15-2405-55**

This amendment was presented to the Technical Committee on February 6, 2024. The Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) also determined at their February 7 meeting that this project is exempt according to the conformity rule.

Harford County has affirmed that fiscal constraint for their program of projects remains intact and have made a commitment to the match required.

Pursuant to the prescribed TIP amendment process MOU signed in 2014, the BRTB approved Resolution #24-16 to support these changes to the *2024-2027 TIP*.



If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd R. Lang", is enclosed in a light gray rectangular box.

Todd R. Lang, Director  
Transportation Planning

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Alex Rawls, Harford County  
Ms. Phyllis Grover, City of Aberdeen



**Summary of FY 2024-2027 TIP Changes**

Project Title	TIP Change Reason	Description	Type of Change
<p>Aberdeen Transit Oriented Development Station Square Project: 15-2405-55</p>	<p>This amendment adds a new project to the FY 2024-2027 TIP utilizing FTA Community Project funds (CPF). The project includes \$5.0 million (\$4.0M FTA CPF/\$1.0M matching) for engineering in FY 2024. Project must be in the TIP to utilize the FTA CPF FY 2023 award. Engineering funds will be used for demolition plans, pedestrian underpass, and new bus bays for buses. The total estimated cost is \$5.0M.</p>	<p>The Aberdeen TOD Station Square project includes: 1) acquisition &amp; demo of an existing gas station, 2) demo &amp; removal of the existing non-compliant concrete pedestrian overpass, stairs, walkway &amp; switchback, 3) construction of a new ADA compliant pedestrian underpass with terraced plazas and sidewalks, and 4) New bus bays to accommodate Harford Transit LINK and MTA buses. The City of Aberdeen was awarded a FY 2023 FTA Congressionally Directed Community Project allocation of \$4.0 million for the TOD Station Square Project, Phase I that includes updated cost estimates, meeting the NEPA requirements, acquisition, demolition, and preliminary geotechnical and environmental studies. The TOD Station Square Project complements Amtrak’s proposed investment in 2030 of \$5.0 million to the Train Station to improve their existing infrastructure and meet ADA requirements.</p> <p><b>Conformity Status:</b> Exempt</p>	<p>Amendment Resolution #24-16</p>

**BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
RESOLUTION #24-16**

**AMENDMENT TO THE 2024 – 2027 BALTIMORE REGION  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, encompassing the Baltimore Urban Area, and includes official representatives of the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore, the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Queen Anne’s as well as representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Planning, the Maryland Transit Administration, and the RTA of Central Maryland; and

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region at its July 27, 2023 meeting, with federal approval on October 25, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, federal regulations require that all transportation-related projects must be listed in the approved Transportation Improvement Program with accurate funding schedules in order to be eligible for federal funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Improvement Program consists of projects included in, and in support of, the region's long-range transportation plan and ongoing short-range planning efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Harford County on behalf of the City of Aberdeen has requested approval of one amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation Improvement Program amendment process; and

**WHEREAS**, Harford County is requesting to add one project to the 2024-2027 TIP for the Aberdeen Transit Oriented Development Station Square project. The City of Aberdeen was awarded \$4.0 million in FTA Community Project funding in FY 2023 necessitating the amendment of this project. This amendment will add funds for engineering in FY 2024 (see attachment); and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Improvement Program, as amended, continues to display financial reasonableness and re-affirms the appropriate project selection criteria whereby all requirements for a Transportation Improvement Program in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act are met; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interagency Consultation Group has determined that this project is exempt according to the Conformity Rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93); and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Transportation Improvement Program amendment was presented to the Technical Committee on February 6, 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approves the attached amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region and finds it to conform to the applicable Maryland State Implementation Plan and requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region approved the aforementioned resolution on February 27, 2024.

2-27-24

---

Date



---

D'Andrea Walker, Chair  
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

## Aberdeen Transit Oriented Development Station Square Project

<b>TIP ID</b>	15-2405-55	<b>Year of Operation</b>	2030
<b>Agency</b>	Harford County	<b>Project Type</b>	Rehabilitation of facilities
<b>Project Category</b>	Commuter Rail Preservation	<b>Functional Class</b>	NA
<b>Conformity Status</b>	Exempt	<b>Physical Data</b>	NA
<b>CIP or CTP ID(s)</b>		<b>Est. Total Cost</b>	\$5,000,000

**Description:**

The Aberdeen TOD Station Square project includes: 1) acquisition & demo of an existing gas station, 2) demo & removal of the existing non-compliant concrete pedestrian overpass, stairs, walkway & switchback, 3) construction of a new ADA compliant pedestrian underpass with terraced plazas and sidewalks, and 4) New bus bays to accommodate Harford Transit LINK and MTA buses. The City of Aberdeen was awarded a FY 2023 FTA Congressionally Directed Community Project allocation of \$4.0 million for the TOD Station Square Project, Phase I that includes updated cost estimates, meeting the NEPA requirements, acquisition, demolition, and preliminary geotechnical and environmental studies. The TOD Station Square Project complements Amtrak’s proposed investment in 2030 of \$5.0 million to the Train Station to improve their existing infrastructure and meet ADA requirements.

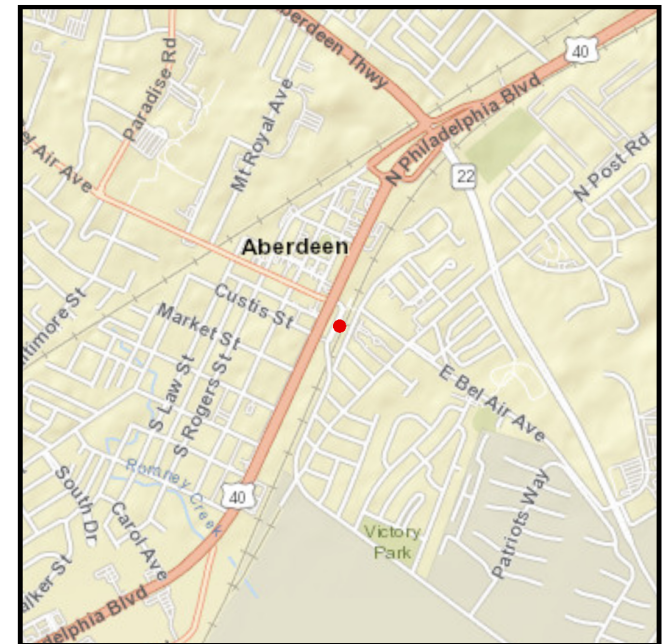
**Justification:**

The TOD Station Square Project is in the state-designated TOD Area & was included in the 2012 Aberdeen TOD Master Plan. The TOD Master Plan ID's short, mid, and long term improvements to remove the physical barriers, improve safety, & provides access to a multi-modal transportation facility that enhances TOD. The project benefits include: 1) removing a physical barrier separating areas of vulnerable population from transit and transportation services, employment, education, and other needed services, 2) reconnects the historic East/West side of the City, 3) improving the physical conditions for individuals with mobility impairments, 4) stimulate TOD & mixed-use development in the TOD area, Opportunity Zone, HUB Zone, and Enterprise Zone & attract developers for public-private partnerships, 5) reduce vehicle dependency & expand passenger ridership of local & regional rail and public transport.

**Amendment:** This amendment adds a new project to the FY 2024-2027 TIP utilizing FTA Community Project funds (CPF). The project includes \$5.0 million (\$4.0M FTA CPF/\$1.0M matching) for engineering in FY 2024. Project must be in the TIP to utilize the FTA CPF FY 2023 award. Engineering funds will be used for demolition plans, pedestrian underpass, and new bus bays for buses. The total estimated cost is \$5.0M.

**Connection to Long-Range Transportation Planning Goals:**

- 1.E Improve System Safety -- Improve conditions for non-motorists to travel more safely, have safer interactions with other modes, and safe access to transit amenities.
- 3.A Improve Accessibility -- Increase transportation options and equity for all segments of the population.
- 7.C Promote Prosperity and Economic Opportunity -- Concentrate transportation investments in state and local designated growth areas.







Aberdeen Transit Oriented Development Station Square Project

(Funding in Thousands)

FTA Community Project Funding **NEW**

Phase	FY 2024 Federal Funds	FY 2024 Matching Funds	FY 2025 Federal Funds	FY 2025 Matching Funds	FY 2026 Federal Funds	FY 2026 Matching Funds	FY 2027 Federal Funds	FY 2027 Matching Funds	Total Four-Year Funding Request
CON	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTH	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ENG	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
PL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

**ROBERT G. CASSILLY**  
Harford County Executive

**ROBERT S. McCORD**  
Director of Administration



**SHANE P. GRIMM, AICP**  
Director of Planning & Zoning

January 8, 2024

Mr. Todd Lang  
Director, Transportation Division  
Baltimore Metropolitan Council  
1500 Whetstone Way, Suite 300  
Baltimore, Maryland 21230  
Attention: Mr. Keith Kucharek

RE: Amendment to the FY 2024-2027 TIP for Aberdeen Station Square

Dear Mr. Lang:

Harford County is requesting an amendment to the FY 2024-2027 TIP on behalf of the City of Aberdeen for the Aberdeen Station Square Project. Engineering/design funds for this project are being included for FY 2024. Harford County is requesting an update to the TIP due to the City of Aberdeen being awarded \$4,000,000 FY 2023 FTA Community Project. The City of Aberdeen is providing a local match of \$1,000,000. This requested TIP amendment is being made so that MDOT can amend the STIP.

The Transportation Improvement Program continues to be fiscally constrained. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Rawls, (410) 638-3136 or Phyllis Grover, Planning Director, City of Aberdeen (410) 272-1600, extension 216.

Sincerely,

*Shane P. Grimm*  
Shane P. Grimm, AICP  
Director of Planning and Zoning

AR/jf

Attach:

CC: Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning, City of Aberdeen  
Moe Davenport, Deputy Director, Department of Planning and Zoning  
Alex Rawls, Chief of Long-Range Planning, Department of Planning and Zoning

*Harford County Celebrates 250 Years ~ 1773-2023*

410.638.3103 | 410.879.2000 | 220 South Main Street, Bel Air, Maryland 21014 | [www.harfordcountymd.gov](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov)

THIS DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE IN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT UPON REQUEST

**Aberdeen Transit Oriented Development Station Square Project**

<b>TIP Id #</b>	15-2405-xx	<b>Year of Operation</b>	2030
<b>Agency</b>	Harford County	<b>Project Type</b>	Roadway Widening
<b>Project Category</b>	Highway Capacity	<b>Functional Class</b>	Insert
<b>Conformity Status</b>	Exempt	<b>Physical Data</b>	x to x lanes; x miles
<b>CIP/CTP Page#</b>	xx	<b>Estimated Total Cost</b>	\$55.0 Million

Description	Justification
<p>The Aberdeen Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Station Square project includes: 1) acquisition and demolition of an existing gasoline station, 2) demolition and removal of the existing 35-foot concrete pedestrian overpass, stairs, walkway and 1,100 foot switchback that do not meet ADA requirements, 3) construction of a new pedestrian underpass with terraced plazas and sidewalks to meet the ADA requirements, and 4) additional bus bays to accommodate Harford Transit LINK and MTA buses. The City of Aberdeen was awarded a Fiscal Year 2023 Federal Transit Administration Congressionally Directed Community Project allocation in the amount of \$4.0 million for the TOD Station Square Project, Phase I that includes updated cost estimates, meeting the NEPA requirements, acquisition, demolition, and preliminary geotechnical and environmental studies. The TOD Station Square Project complements Amtrak’s proposed investment in 2030 of \$5.0 million to the Train Station to improve their existing infrastructure and meet ADA requirements.</p>	<p>The TOD Station Square Project is in the state-designated Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Area and was included in the Aberdeen TOD Master Plan adopted in 2012 by the City. The Aberdeen TOD Master Plan was prepared in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Maryland Department of Planning (MDP). The TOD Master Plan identified short, mid, and long term phasing improvements to remove the physical barriers, improve the safety conditions for transit passengers, and provides access to the multi-modal transportation facility that enhances transit-oriented development.</p> <p>The TOD Station Square Project offers benefits that include: 1) removing a physical barrier that separates residents of persistent poverty and a disadvantaged community from transit and transportation services, employment, education, and other needed services, 2) reconnects the historic East and West side of the City, 3) improving the physical conditions for individuals who have mobility impairments, 4) stimulate transit oriented and mixed-use development in the TOD area, Opportunity Zone, HUB Zone, and Enterprise Zone and attract developers for public-private partnerships, and 5) support the reduction in vehicle dependency and expand the overall passenger ridership of local and regional rail and public transport.</p>

**Fund Source: FTA Community Project Funding**

									Project Totals
Phase	FY 2024 Federal Funds	FY 2024 Matching Funds	FY 2025 Federal Funds	FY 2025 Matching Funds	FY 2026 Federal Funds	FY 2026 Matching Funds	FY 2027 Federal Funds	FY 2027 Matching Funds	4-Year Total
CON									
OTH									
ENG	4,000,000	1,000,000							
PP									
ROW									
Totals									

**Fund Source 2:**

									Project Totals
Phase	FY 2024 Federal Funds	FY 2024 Matching Funds	FY 2025 Federal Funds	FY 2025 Matching Funds	FY 2026 Federal Funds	FY 2026 Matching Funds	FY 2027 Federal Funds	FY 2027 Matching Funds	4-Year Total
CON									
OTH									
ENG									
PP									
ROW									
Totals									

*Status: Working closely with MDOT MTA and US DOT staff on the congressional award of \$4.0M.*

**Connection to LRTP Goals & Strategies: Select applicable goals/strategies from list below...**