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Mr. Shawn Kiernan
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Re: Amendment to the FY 2025-2028 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, MDOT Control #25-28

Dear Mr. Kiernan:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) has requested approval of an Amendment to the FY 2025-2028 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) (MDOT Control #25-28) in order to add one new project, Shore Transit Areas of Persistent Poverty. This new project adds \$328,000 in FY23 Areas of Persistent Poverty (AoPP) discretionary grant funds, along with \$82,000 in local match funds, under FY26.

Project Name	STIP #	Federal Funding Source	FY25-FY28 Net Federal Change (in 000's)
Shore Transit Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant – System Evaluation	MTA-2025-1	AoPP	\$328

The MTA approved the amendment request to the FY 2025-2028 Maryland STIP on August 11, 2025. This approval is retroactive to January 12, 2026.

Based on our review of the information provided, the FTA and FHWA hereby approve this Amendment to the STIP and finds it consistent with the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 135 and 49 U.S.C. 5304. This approval does not constitute an obligation of Federal funds. FTA finalizes Federal funding for projects included in the STIP upon approval of a grant application. Melanie Haake is available at melanie.haake@dot.gov, if you have questions concerning this approval.

Sincerely,

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