

April 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 an amendment to add one project to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2025 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for a project in the Baltimore Regional Transportation Planning Board (BRTB) FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on behalf of the Maryland Transit Administration and the City of Baltimore.

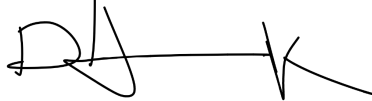
The BRTB approved the following amendment to the TIP on April 19, 2024. MDOT has assigned Control #22-120 for this amendment to the STIP. The BRTB approval and supporting documentation are attached.

Project Name	STIP #	TIP #	Funding Source	FY22-FY25 Net Federal Change (in 000's)
RAISE Transit Priority Project	12-2201-64	12-2201-64	RAISE	\$16,000

Ms. Valeriya Remezova
Ms. Terry Garcia Crews
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The Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program continues to be fiscally constrained. Should you have additional questions or concerns, please contact me at 410-865-1098, toll free 888-713-1414 or via e-mail at djanousek@mdot.maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

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Dan Janousek
Regional Planner
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

Attachment

cc: Ms. Kari Snyder, Regional Planner, OPCP, MDOT
Mr. Dan Sommerville, Regional Planner, Federal Transit Administration (FTA)



April 22, 2024

Mr. Geoff Anderson, Chief
Office of Planning, Programming, and Delivery
Attn: Mr. Dan Janousek
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, MD 21076-1415

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Enclosed is one amendment to the *2024-2027 Baltimore Region Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* as approved by the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) on April 19, 2024. The documentation enclosed supports changes to the *2024-2027 TIP* for one project in Baltimore City.

- **RAISE Transit Priority Project: 12-2201-64**

This amendment was presented to the Technical Committee on April 2, 2024. The Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) also determined this project to be exempt according to the conformity rule at its April 3, 2024 meeting.

Baltimore City 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 #24-21 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 "T. Lang", is positioned above the typed name.

Todd R. Lang, Director
Transportation Planning

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Eric Beckett, MDOT MTA
Mr. Luciano Diaz, Baltimore City



Summary of FY 2024-2027 TIP Changes

Project Title	TIP Change Reason	Description	Type of Change
RAISE Transit Priority Project 12-2201-64	<p>This amendment to the FY 2024-2027 TIP will add Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) funds to FY 2024 that were allocated in FY 2023 but were not obligated. This amendment will add \$36.854 million (\$14.24 million federal/\$22.614 million matching) in construction funds in FY 2024 and \$4.0 million (\$1.76 million federal/\$2.24 million matching) in engineering funds in FY 2024. The total estimated cost increases from \$51.52 million to \$54.47 million.</p>	<p>The RAISE Transit Priority Project (Formerly: East-West Priority Corridor) proposes a comprehensive suite of investments that will facilitate more efficient transit trips, improve multi-modal connections, and address existing safety issues. This project applies strategies from the Transit Priority Toolkit to directly address existing challenges in the corridor, offering near-term investments to better connect people to jobs, education, amenities, and leisure activities while the region considers long-term options via the Regional Transit Plan. Planned strategies include dedicated bus lanes, peak only bus lanes, intersection queue jump for buses, transit signal priority, bus stop optimization, accessibility improvements, and bus bulbs. The corridor is currently served by multiple bus routes, including both the CityLink Blue and Orange. The state of Maryland is providing matching funds for this project.</p> <p>Conformity Status: Exempt</p>	Amendment Resolution #24-21

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #24-21**

**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, Baltimore City has requested approval of one amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation Improvement Program amendment process; and

WHEREAS, Baltimore City is requesting to amend one project to the 2024-2027 TIP for the RAISE Transit Priority project. Baltimore City was awarded a \$22.0 million Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE). This amendment will add funds for construction and 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 April 2, 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 April 19, 2024.

April 19, 2024

Date



Anthony Russell, Chair
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

RAISE Transit Priority Project

TIP ID	12-2201-64	Year of Operation	2028
Agency	Baltimore City	Project Type	Preservation and improvements
Project Category	Transit Preservation	Functional Class	Varies
Conformity Status	Exempt	Physical Data	10.5 miles of roadways, existing number of lanes maintained
CIP or CTP ID(s)	508-137	Est. Total Cost	\$54,474,541

Description:

The RAISE Transit Priority Project (Formerly: East-West Priority Corridor) proposes a comprehensive suite of investments that will facilitate more efficient transit trips, improve multi-modal connections, and address existing safety issues. This project applies strategies from the Transit Priority Toolkit to directly address existing challenges in the corridor, offering near-term investments to better connect people to jobs, education, amenities, and leisure activities while the region considers long-term options via the Regional Transit Plan. Planned strategies include dedicated bus lanes, peak only bus lanes, intersection queue jump for buses, transit signal priority, bus stop optimization, accessibility improvements, and bus bulbs. The corridor is currently served by multiple bus routes, including both the CityLink Blue and Orange. The state of Maryland is providing matching funds for this project.

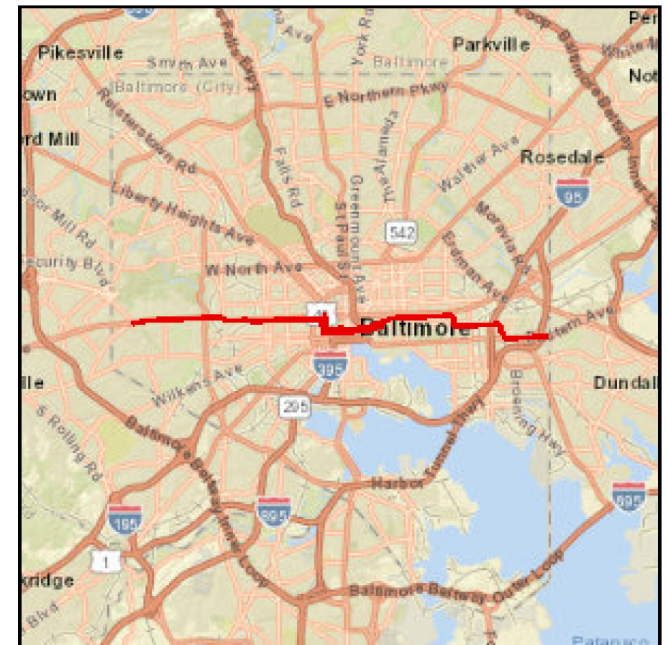
Justification:

Improved bus service between East and West Baltimore will decrease emissions, encourage mode shift, and provide faster more reliable transit options.

Amendment: This amendment to the FY 2024-2027 TIP will add Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) funds that were allocated in FY 2023 but were not obligated. This amendment will add \$36.854 million (\$14.24 million federal/\$22.614 million matching) in construction funds in FY 2024 and \$4.0 million (\$1.76 million federal/\$2.24 million matching) in engineering funds in FY 2024. The total estimated cost increases from \$51.52 million to \$54.47 million.

Connection to Long-Range Transportation Planning Goals:

- 3.A Improve Accessibility -- Increase transportation options and equity for all segments of the population.
- 4.A Increase Mobility -- Coordinate with MDOT and Local agencies to improve travel time reliability through performance-based planning and programming
- 7.E Promote Prosperity and Economic Opportunity -- Coordinate with communities to provide context-sensitive infrastructure.





RAISE Transit Priority Project

(Funding in Thousands)

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity -ORIGINAL

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	\$6,000	\$7,620	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,620
OTH	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ENG	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
PL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$6,000	\$7,620	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,620
Total	\$6,000	\$7,620	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,620



RAISE Transit Priority Project

(Funding in Thousands)

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity -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	\$20,240	\$30,234	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,474
OTH	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ENG	\$1,760	\$2,240	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
PL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$22,000	\$32,474	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$54,474
Total	\$22,000	\$32,474	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$54,474

CITY OF BALTIMORE
BRANDON M. SCOTT, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Corren Johnson, Director
417 E. Fayette Street, 5th Floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

March 5, 2024

Mr. Todd Lang
Director of Transportation Planning
Baltimore Metropolitan Council
1500 Whetstone Way, Suite 300
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

Attn: Keith Kucharek

RE: FY2024-27 TIP Amendment for RAISE Transit Priority Project
TIP ID: 12-2201-64
CIP ID: 508-137

Dear Director Lang:

Baltimore City is requesting an amendment to the FY 2024-27 TIP to the “roll over” Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) federal funding awarded to the RAISE Transit Priority Corridor Project. The Project is a joint effort between the Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BCDOT) and the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA). Funding was originally allocated for FY23 but was not obligated due to unforeseen delays. MTA is aiming to execute the grant in the summer of 2024. We are seeking an amendment to include the funding in FY24 so that the grant may be executed without further delay during the current fiscal year.

This funding amendment will reflect a \$22 million RAISE grant and \$28 million in matching funds. Of these amounts, \$4 million is for engineering and \$46 million is for construction. The split for all these funding categories is 44/56 federal and matching funds, respectively. The total project cost is estimated at \$54 million. An additional \$4 million dollars of state funding is currently being used to accelerate the project while the grant and matching funds are being executed.

The project is a multi-modal transportation enhancement that will add transit, pedestrian, and bicycle infrastructure along the 10-mile route currently served by the CityLink Blue and Orange routes. These bus routes connect several residential communities and key employment centers including the Social Security Administration, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the central business district of downtown Baltimore and Johns Hopkins Bayview Hospital. With these employment hubs there are more than 180,000 jobs along the corridor.

For questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Stuart Sirota (stuart.sirota@baltimorecity.gov), Ms. Jamie Richardson (jrichardson@mdot.maryland.gov), and Mr. Eric Beckett (ebeckett@mdot.maryland.gov).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Corren Johnson
Director

2024 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Baltimore City

RAISE Transit Priority Project

TIP Id #	<i>12-2201-64</i>	Year of Operation	<i>2028</i>
Agency	<i>Baltimore City</i>	Project Type	<i>Preservation and improvements</i>
Project Category	<i>Transit Preservation</i>	Functional Class	<i>Varies</i>
Conformity Status	<i>Exempt</i>	Physical Data	<i>10.5 miles of roadways, existing number of lanes maintained</i>
CIP/CTP Page#	<i>508-137</i>	Estimated Total Cost	<i>\$54,474,541</i>

Description	Justification
<i>The RAISE Transit Priority Project (Formerly: East-West Priority Corridor) proposes a comprehensive suite of investments that will facilitate more efficient transit trips, improve multi-modal connections, and address existing safety issues. This project applies strategies from the Transit Priority Toolkit to directly address existing challenges in the corridor, offering near-term investments to better connect people to jobs, education, amenities, and leisure activities while the region considers long-term options via the Regional Transit Plan. Planned strategies include dedicated bus lanes, peak only bus lanes, intersection queue jump for buses, transit signal priority, bus stop optimization, accessibility improvements, and bus bulbs. The corridor is currently served by multiple bus routes, including both the CityLink Blue and Orange. The state of Maryland is providing matching funds for this project.</i>	<i>Improved bus service between East and West Baltimore will decrease emissions, encourage mode shift, and provide faster more reliable transit options.</i>

Fund Source: RAISE

Phase									Project Totals
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Fund Source 2: *XX (if applicable)*

									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: Project has made significant planning progress and is ready for grant execution. Expecting to execute/commit all funding in FY24.

No changes to mapping.

Connection to LRTP Goals:

3.A Improve Accessibility -- Increase transportation alternatives for all segments of the population.
4.A Increase Mobility -- Provide techniques or alternatives as part of a Congestion Management Process (CMP).
7.E Promote Prosperity and Economic Opportunity -- Improve access to existing communities and regional generators of economic activity.