# Port of Baltimore Rail Capacity Modernization Project

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**Ports America Chesapeake** (PAC) operates the Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF) at **Seagirt Marine Terminal**, under a public-private partnership with **MDOT MPA**.

The **ICTF** is a dual-access facility between Norfolk Southern and CSX that is currently serviced by **CSX**.





The existing facility at the ICTF was constructed 33 years ago.

PAC/MDOT MPA were recently awarded a grant through the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) **Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)** Program in order to begin work on modernizing the terminal.

#### **Project Location:**





### **Project Objectives:**

- Safety: Upgrades infrastructure to achieve a higher level of safety.
- Equitable economic strength, improving core assets: Invests in vital infrastructure assets, addresses capital needs to connect farms, factories, and shippers to the rail network.
- **Resilience, addressing climate change:** Reduces emissions, promotes energy efficiency, redevelops existing infrastructure.
- **Racial equity, economic inclusion**: Reduces the safety risks and detrimental quality of life effects that freight movements can have on communities.
- **Transformation of our nation's transportation infrastructure:** Adds capacity to congested corridors by aligning with the completion of the expansion of the Howard Street Tunnel Project and the ability to double stack containers by rail.



#### **Project Award:**

#### **Project Scope:**

\$15.68M in federal funding • .

\$6.72M in private funding

- Construct four new working tracks totaling 17,670 feet
- Demolish two previously existing tracks
- - Total project cost \$22.4M Construct two crane rail beams totaling 7,160 linear feet.





#### **Project Benefits:**

- Increased capacity and efficiency for containerized cargo to be shipped by rail, bypassing critical, congested roadways of the northeast U.S.
- Improved road safety
- Reduced Emissions from Over the road truck (OTR) and Container Handling Equipment (CHE) in the port.
- By allowing double-stack trains to access the Port, the Howard Street Tunnel Project will increase efficiencies and capacity for commercial train traffic and facilitate business growth\_\_\_\_\_\_





#### **Projected Volume Increase:**

- Current international intermodal volumes are less than 2% of total Seagirt throughput
- International intermodal volumes are expected to ramp up to 10% after the completion of the Howard Street Tunnel Project
- By 2026, the share is expected to ramp up to 12%
- By 2027 the international volumes are expected to be at 15%





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Phase 1:

Construct two RMG Crane Rail Beams



PHASE 1 GRANT BUILD W/ EXIST TRACKS 3 - 8 ( LOOKING EAST )



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#### Phase 2:

- Construct New Tracks 14 & 15 and Remove Existing Tracks 1 & 2
- Construct New Tracks 9 & 10





#### **Project Schedule:**

- Construction to begin Q2 2023
- Anticipated completion Q2 2024

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