

**BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
RESOLUTION #23-21**

**AMENDMENT TO THE 2023 – 2026 BALTIMORE REGION  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, encompassing the Baltimore Urbanized 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 Annapolis Transit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program for the Baltimore region at its August 23, 2022 meeting, with federal approval on September 7, 2022; 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**, Howard County has requested approval of one amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program through the approved Transportation Improvement Program amendment process; and

**WHEREAS**, Howard County is requesting to amend the 2023-2026 TIP to add the Patapsco Regional Greenway: Elkridge to Guinness Open Gate Brewery project. Howard County is adding funds for engineering in FY 2023-2024, and Construction in FY 2025-2026 necessitating the amendment of this project in the 2023-2026 TIP (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 Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act are met; and

**WHEREAS**, this project is consistent with the federal emphasis on performance-based planning and programming, specifically the federal requirements pertaining to maintaining bridges in a state of good repair; 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 May 2, 2023.

**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 2023-2026 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 May 23, 2023.

5-23-23

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Sam Snead, Chair  
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

### Patapsco Regional Greenway: Elkridge to Guinness Open Gate Brewery

<b>TIP ID</b>	16-2301-03	<b>Year of Operation</b>	2026
<b>Agency</b>	Howard County	<b>Project Type</b>	Bicycle/pedestrian facilities
<b>Project Category</b>	Emission Reduction Strategy	<b>Functional Class</b>	NA
<b>Conformity Status</b>	Exempt	<b>Physical Data</b>	1.5 mile trail
<b>CIP or CTP ID(s)</b>		<b>Est. Total Cost</b>	\$1,900,000

**Description:**

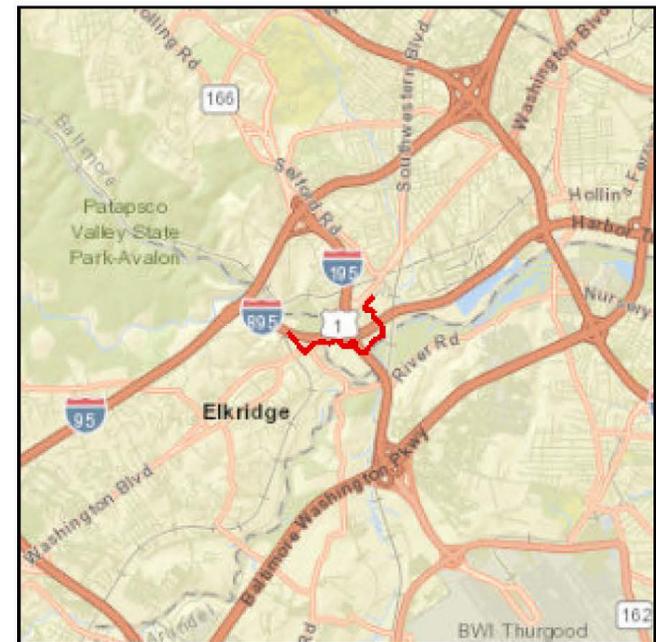
The Patapsco Regional Greenway: Elkridge to Guinness Open Gate Brewery project involves construction of a 1.5 mile segment of the overall Patapsco Regional Greenway trail. This 10-12 foot wide trail will be a combination of on-street facilities, hard surface trail, bridges and boardwalks.

Final Engineering was funded using local Baltimore County funds as identified in an MOU between Howard and Baltimore Counties.

**Justification:**

This trail will provide a key connection as part of the Patapsco Regional Greenway system which is envisioned as a 40-mile shared-use path and trail running through the Patapsco Valley from Baltimore's Inner Harbor to Sykesville in Carroll County.

**Amendment:** This amendment adds a new project to the FY 2023-2026 TIP. The Patapsco Regional Greenway: Elkridge to Guinness Open Gate Brewery project must be added to the TIP in order to obtain NEPA approval. The Elkridge to Guinness Open Gate Brewery is a 1.5 mile segment of the overall 40 mile Patapsco Regional Greenway. Funding for Engineering in FY 2023-2024 is being provided by Baltimore County in the amount \$500,000. Construction funds in FY 2025-2026 is being provided by Howard County. The estimated total project cost is \$1,900,000.



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

- 1.E Improve System Safety -- Improve safety conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- 3.A Improve Accessibility -- Increase transportation alternatives for all segments of the population.
- 4.F Increase Mobility -- Support a regional, long-distance bikeway network.



Patapsco Regional Greenway: Elkridge to Guinness Open Gate Brewery

(Funding in Thousands)

Other -NEW

Phase	FY 2023 Federal Funds	FY 2023 Matching Funds	FY 2024 Federal Funds	FY 2024 Matching Funds	FY 2025 Federal Funds	FY 2025 Matching Funds	FY 2026 Federal Funds	FY 2026 Matching Funds	Total Four-Year Funding Request
CON	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$625	\$0	\$625	\$1,250
OTH	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ENG	\$0	\$300	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
PL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$625</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$625</b>	<b>\$1,750</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$625</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$625</b>	<b>\$1,750</b>