

**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

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Date



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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.

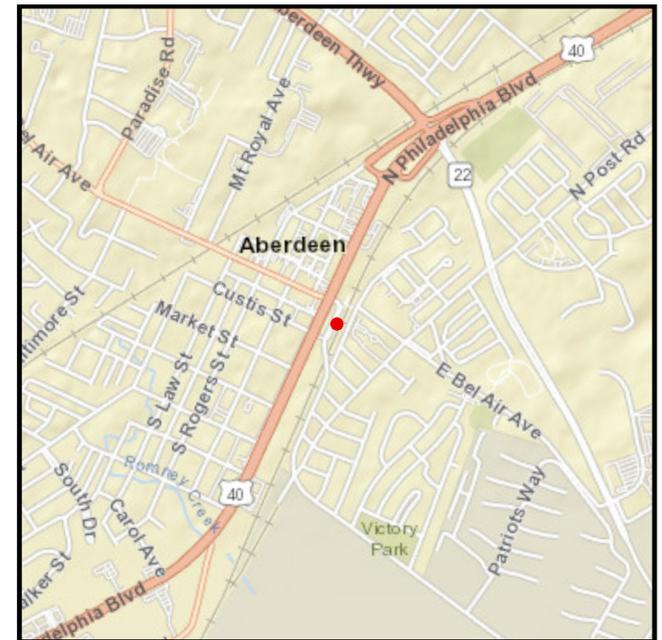
**Justification:**

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>