## **BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

## BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD RESOLUTION #25-6

## ENDORSE APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) 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 Central Maryland RTA as a representative of public transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act establishes a Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) within the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to provide funds for projects designed to reduce transportation emissions, defined as carbon dioxide (CO2) from on-road highway sources; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of CRP funding is sub-allocated to Urban areas in proportion to their relative shares of the State's population and requires coordination with any Metropolitan Planning Organization that represents the Urban area prior to obligating CRP funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region has approved criteria for selecting projects as follows: 1) timeline for obligation, 2) greenhouse gas reduction potential, 3) environmental justice, and 4), alignment with state and regional priorities.

**WHEREAS**, projects will be consistent with the federally eligible activities identified for CRP funds which includes: 1) traffic monitoring, management and control facilities or programs; 2) certain public transportation projects; 3) transportation alternatives projects; 4) advanced transportation and congestion management technologies; 5) deployment of infrastructure-based intelligent transportation systems; 6) energy-efficient street lighting and traffic control device replacement; 7) projects reducing demand for roads; 8) projects to support deployment of alternative fuel vehicles; 9) diesel engine retrofits; 10) certain projects to improve traffic flow eligible under the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Program that do not involve construction of new capacity; 11) projects that reduce transportation emissions at port facilities; and 12) other projects that can demonstrate reductions in transportation emissions over the project's lifecycle such as use of sustainable pavements and construction materials, climate uses of highway right-of-way, and projects that promote mode shift.

**WHEREAS**, twenty-six applications for funding from the Carbon Reduction Program for the Baltimore, Bel-Air Aberdeen, and Westminster regions were reviewed utilizing established criteria.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region has approved the following applications (Attachment 1) for funding with the money allocated directly to the Baltimore region.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the aforementioned resolution at its July 23, 2024 meeting.

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Anthony Russell, Chair Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

## Applications to the 2024 Carbon Reduction Program

Baltimore Region Urban Area	
Project name/limits:	Anne Arundel County – Video Detection Upgrade
Project sponsor:	Anne Arundel County
CRP request:	\$252,000
Total cost:	\$302,400
Project description:	The project will upgrade existing video detection equipment for traffic management to improve and support implementation of adaptive control technologies on major County Road corridors.
Suggested award:	\$252,000

Project name/limits:	Baltimore City Electric Vehicle Transition
Project sponsor:	Baltimore City
CRP request:	\$4,015,006
Total cost:	\$6,792,006
Project description:	The project will enable the purchase of electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging infrastructure to support the transition of City Fleet vehicles from internal combustion engines to electric.
Suggested award:	\$4,015,006

Project name/limits:	Public Charging at Howard County Parks
Project sponsor:	Howard County
CRP request:	\$752,368
Total cost:	\$940,460
Project description:	Howard County will expand publicly accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure at permanent sites on County-owned properties throughout the County to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles.
Suggested award:	\$752,368

Project name/limits:	Broken Land Parkway – MD 32 Park and Ride Access Project
Project sponsor:	Howard County
CRP request:	\$910,000
Total cost:	\$1,704,000
Project description:	The project will design and construct a shared-use path on the west side of Broken Land Parkway, extending from Patuxent Woods Drive to the park and ride lot. The path will serve as a crucial last-mile connection to the regional commuter bus network and carpool opportunities and will integrate with the local trail system.
Suggested award:	\$910,000

Project name/limits:	Light Duty Vehicles – MPA Electric Vehicle Purchase
Project sponsor:	Maryland Port Administration
CRP request:	\$472,320
Total cost:	\$590,400
Project description:	The Maryland Port Administration (MPA) will replace eleven gasoline- fueled fleet vehicles with eleven zero emission electric vehicles. The vehicles proposed for replacement are primarily used as fleet vehicles on and around MPA-owned terminals and properties in the Baltimore area.
Suggested award:	\$472,320

Project name/limits:	Mercury Vapor to LED Streetlight Conversion
Project sponsor:	Anne Arundel County
CRP request:	\$1,060,800
Total cost:	\$1,326,000
Project description:	The project supports conversion of County-owned streetlights to energy- efficient LED streetlights in to help reduce the County's carbon footprint and operating costs.
Suggested award:	\$1,060,800

Project name/limits:	FCEB Procurement
Project sponsor:	Maryland Transit Administration
CRP request:	\$6,160,000
Total cost:	\$7,700,000
Project description:	The project includes the procurement of four hydrogen fuel cell buses (FCEBs) and supports state goals to transition to a zero-emission bus fleet. This project will be the MTA's first deployment of FCEB technology.
Suggested award:	\$5,367,142

Project name/limits:	MD 2 Sidewalks from MD 710 (E Ordnance Road) to Walton Avenue
Project sponsor:	State Highway Administration
CRP request:	\$341,194
Total cost:	\$1,450,000
Project description:	The project includes design for reconstructing non-compliant sidewalks and installing new ADA-compliant sidewalks along both sides of MD 2 for the entire project limits. This project will also include intersection reconstruction, as needed, to facilitate pedestrian crossings.
Suggested award:	\$341,194

Project name/limits:	MD 450 (Baltimore – Annapolis Blvd/King George Street) from College Creek Bridge to USNA Bridge
Project sponsor:	State Highway Administration
CRP request:	\$309,540
Total cost:	\$1,300,000
Project description:	The project includes design of bicycle and pedestrian facilities along MD 450/King George Street and MD 435 to Taylor Avenue. The proposed improvements include constructing new sidewalk or shared-use path, reconstructing existing sidewalk to meet ADA standards, upgrading signs and pavement markings, pedestrian signal upgrades, installing drainage and stormwater management facilities, and landscaping.
Suggested award:	\$309,540

Project name/limits:	Bloomsbury Crossing
Project sponsor:	Baltimore County
CRP request:	\$579,305
Total cost:	\$724,132
Project description:	The project will fund the construction of an at-grade crossing of Bloomsbury Avenue for the Short Line Trail, a pedestrian/bicycle trail in the former right-of-way of the Short Line Railroad in Catonsville.
Suggested award:	*Flexed to TA

Project name/limits:	Jumpers Hole Road Improvements
Project sponsor:	Anne Arundel County
CRP request:	\$8,000,000
Total cost:	\$10,000,000
Project description:	The project will design, acquire right-of-way, and construct a shared use path and sidewalks for Jumpers Hole Road between Benfield Road and Kinder Road, as well as address vehicular safety issues.
Suggested award:	Not recommended

Project name/limits:	Odenton TOD Phase I MARC Garage
Project sponsor:	Anne Arundel County
CRP request:	\$39,200,000
Total cost:	\$49,000,000
Project description:	The project will create a comprehensive and integrated transportation hub that supports transit-oriented development and encourages modal shift at the Odenton MARC Station. The project includes the construction of a structured parking garage, installation of electric vehicle charging stations, improvements to kiss-and-ride facilities, bicycle parking, and enhancements to bicycle and pedestrian access to the garage.
Suggested award:	Not recommended

Project name/limits:	Owings Mills Bus Circulator
Project sponsor:	Baltimore County
CRP request:	\$4,481,513.35
Total cost:	\$5,601,891.69
Project description:	The project will enable Baltimore County to add an additional bus service area, and includes purchasing vehicles, establishing stops, hiring drivers, and operational planning for the routes.
Suggested award:	Not recommended

Project name/limits:	Parole Transportation Center
Project sponsor:	Anne Arundel County
CRP request:	\$10,320,000
Total cost:	\$12,900,000
Project description:	The project will construct a hub for commuter and local bus providers, and include bus berth bays, vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles and ride sharing drop-off and a ticketing building with interior waiting spaces, offices, lavatories, storage, and mechanical spaces.
Suggested award:	Not recommended

Project name/limits:	RTA Bus Fleet Expansion
Project sponsor:	Howard County
CRP request:	\$960,000
Total cost:	\$1,200,000
Project description:	The project will purchase two new buses to expand the existing RTA Route 409 from its current terminus at the Elkridge Corners Shopping Center in Howard County to Lansdowne Station in Baltimore County.
Suggested award:	Not recommended

Project name/limits:	US 29 Bus Stations for Extending Flash Service between Columbia and Burtonsville
Project sponsor:	Howard County
CRP request:	\$1,500,000
Total cost:	\$8,800,000
Project description:	Howard County will construct six Flash bus stations to support the extension of Montgomery County's Flash Bus Rapid Transit along Rt. 29 from Burtonsville to Downtown Columbia.
Suggested award:	Not recommended

Project name/limits:	West County and Annapolis/Parole Microtransit
Project sponsor:	Anne Arundel County
CRP request:	\$2,480,000
Total cost:	\$3,100,000
Project description:	The project will include the purchase of electric bus vehicles and operating costs for two microtransit services in Anne Arundel County.
Suggested award:	Not recommended

Project name/limits:	MPA High Mast Lighting LED Upgrades
Project sponsor:	Maryland Port Administration
CRP request:	\$1,040,000
Total cost:	\$1,300,000
Project description:	The Maryland Port Administration will replace existing outdated and inefficient high mast lighting fixtures at a public marine terminal with energy-efficient LED units.
Suggested award:	Not recommended

Project name/limits:	Baltimore Greenway Trails Network – Druid Hill Park to Lake Montebello
Project sponsor:	Baltimore City
CRP request:	\$2,000,000
Total cost:	\$2,500,000
Project description:	The project will complete the design and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for the Baltimore Greenway Trails Network that will connect Druid Hill Park to Lake Montebello in Baltimore City.
Suggested award:	*Flexed to TA

Project name/limits:	Jones Fall Gateway
Project sponsor:	Baltimore City
CRP request:	\$497,200
Total cost:	\$621,500
Project description:	The project will complete the design and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for the Jones Falls Gateway Project (JFGP) in Baltimore City.
Suggested award:	*Flexed to TA

Project name/limits:	World Trade Center LED Lighting Upgrades
Project sponsor:	Maryland Port Administration
CRP request:	\$1,600,000
Total cost:	\$2,000,000
Project description:	The Maryland Port Administration will replace all compact fluorescent lighting (CFL) to LED at the World Trade Center in Baltimore City.
Suggested award:	Not recommended

Project name/limits:	eGSE Charging Infrastructure
Project sponsor:	Maryland Aviation Administration
CRP request:	\$17,340,000
Total cost:	\$21,675,000
Project description:	The Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) will provide on-site utility infrastructure, additional electrical capacity, and purchase charging ports to serve airport operators utilizing electric ground support equipment (eGSE) at the Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.
Suggested award:	Not recommended

Project name/limits:	MPA Cruise Terminal HVAC Replacement
Project sponsor:	Maryland Port Administration
CRP request:	\$120,000
Total cost:	\$150,000
Project description:	The project will enable planning and design to replace the existing heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system to improve efficiency and reduce energy consumption at the South Locust Point Cruise Terminal.
Suggested award:	Not recommended

Project name/limits:	Martin State Airport Solar Project
Project sponsor:	Maryland Aviation Administration
CRP request:	\$1,333,332.80
Total cost:	\$1,666,666
Project description:	The project will install a solar photovoltaic (PV) array that will be located on undeveloped land at the entrance to the Martin State Airport.
Suggested award:	Not recommended

Aberdeen Bel-Air Region Urban Area		
Project name/limits:	Bel-Air Aberdeen Area Street Light LED Conversions	
Project sponsor:	Harford County	
CRP request:	\$400,000	
Total cost:	\$500,000	
Project description:	Harford County will replace existing, older generation streetlights with energy-efficient LEDs, accelerating an already on-going multi-year project.	
Suggested award:	\$400,000	

Westminster Region Urban Area		
Project name/limits:	Level III Charger and EVs	
Project sponsor:	Carroll County	
CRP request:	\$238,400	
Total cost:	\$298,000	
Project description:	Carroll County will design, purchase, and install one electric vehicle charger at the County Office Building, and purchase three electric vehicles to replace three gasoline-fueled fleet vehicles. The project will serve as the starting point for transitioning the County's fleet assets to zero- emission vehicles.	
Suggested award:	\$238,400	

Baltimore Urban Area	
Available	\$13,480,370
Requested*	\$113,637,927
Recommended	\$13, 480,370
Aberdeen Bel Air Urban Area	
Available	\$1,307,736
Requested	\$400,000
Recommended	\$400,000
Westminster Urban Area	
Available	\$299,895
Requested	\$238,400
Recommended	\$238,400

\* This requested amount does not include three projects flexed to the TA program.