

## Appendix 2 - Letters of Commitment and Letters of Support

The Project brings a wealth of stakeholder support, as demonstrated by the breadth of letters of support from elected officials, community associations, non-profit organizations, advocacy organizations, city agencies, and other organizations. The following entities' and individuals' letters are included. Should additional letters be submitted following grant application, they will be added to the following website at [www.mdot.maryland.gov/RAISE](http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/RAISE).

### Letters of Commitment

- Gregory Slater, MDOT Secretary
- Steven Sharkey, Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BCDOT) Director
- Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE)

### Letters of Support

- Larry Hogan, Maryland Governor
- Brandon Scott, Baltimore City Mayor
- John A. Olszewski, Jr., Baltimore County Executive
- Maryland Congressional Delegation
- John Bullock, Baltimore City Councilman, District 9
- Kristerfer Burnett, Baltimore City Councilman, District 8
- Eric Costello, Baltimore City Councilman, District 11
- Baltimore Department of Public Works (DPW)
- Baltimore Office of Promotion and Arts (BOPA)
- Bikemore
- Center for Urban Families (CFUF)
- Central Maryland Transportation Alliance
- Consumers for Accessible Rider Services (CARS) / Disability Rights Maryland (DRM) • Downtown Partnership of Baltimore (DBOP)
- Greater Washington Partnership
- Johns Hopkins University
- Labor Network for Sustainability
- New Song Community Learning Center
- No Boundaries Coalition
- Parks & People Foundation
- Seawall Development Company
- Southeast Community Development Corporation
- Southwest Partnership
- Transit Choices

June 9, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to offer my full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure for Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding for the *East-West Priority Corridor Project*. This critical urban project aligns strongly with the primary selection criteria providing significant safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and quality of life benefits to the Baltimore region. The MDOT MTA is prepared to commit the required match of the grant funds.

This corridor was identified in the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan (CMRTP) as one of the highest priority Early Opportunity corridors in the region. The East-West Corridor is unique for the great number of employment centers it connects with high-frequency transit in Baltimore City and Baltimore County, including the Social Security Administration, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the University of Maryland Medical Center, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Johns Hopkins Bayview, and the central business district of downtown Baltimore. The corridor also connects multiple residential communities, hosts two of the region's top five bus routes in terms of ridership, and provides a direct connection to the MARC regional commuter train that travels seven days a week to Washington, DC.

The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project supports the implementation of the CMRTP by cohesively improving transportation and economic opportunities for the Baltimore region, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers. The dedicated bus lanes and transit signal priority included in the project will improve the speed and reliability of transit service. The pedestrian safety improvements, ADA access investments, shelters, lighting, real-time transit information, and bicycle facilities will address existing safety issues and improve the rider experience on the network.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Heather Murphy, MDOT Office of Planning and Capital Programming (OPCP) Director, at 410-865-1275 or by email at [hmurphy@mdot.state.md.us](mailto:hmurphy@mdot.state.md.us). Of course, you may always contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Gregory Slater  
Secretary

cc: Ms. Heather Murphy, Director, OPCP, MDOT

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CITY OF BALTIMORE  
BRANDON M. SCOTT, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Steve Sharkey, Director  
417 E. Fayette Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

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July 2, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BCDOT) strongly supports the Maryland application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT's) 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program for the East-West Priority Corridor. BCDOT has committed \$10 million to this key project and appreciates your strong consideration of this application.

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BCDOT respectfully requests your favorable consideration of this application. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [steve.sharkey@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:steve.sharkey@baltimorecity.gov).

Sincerely,

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Steve Sharkey  
Director



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June 29, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE), I am writing to express my full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) grant application for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. **As part of this multi-modal project, BGE commits at least 25 Level-2 electric vehicle charging stations along the East-West Priority Corridor to support and incentivize the use of electric vehicles in Baltimore.** The *East-West Priority Corridor* is a major thoroughfare connecting major employment and commercial centers in the region, and additional electric vehicle charging on this major corridor would support City, State and national goals to expand electric vehicle infrastructure to reduce vehicle emissions.

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BGE's EVsmart program is installing 500 public charging stations through our service territory to provide easily assessable and reliable charging stations to encourage EV adoption. To date, BGE has installed over 130 charging stations with another 200 stations in progress of being installed. The goals of BGE's EVsmart program aligns with the goals of the East-West Priority Corridor project by improve the reliability, speed, safety and accessibility of transit.

I hope you favorably consider this significant project and invest in this effort to improve multi-modal access, electric vehicle infrastructure and safety improvements for this vital corridor in Baltimore.

Sincerely,

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Divesh Gupta  
Baltimore Gas and Electric, Director of Strategy



STATE OF MARYLAND  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LARRY HOGAN  
GOVERNOR

July 9, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to offer my strong support for the Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) four applications for Rebuilding American Infrastructure for Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding. These important projects advance critical state and national economic development and infrastructure objectives. They will address multimodal needs in areas spread throughout the State from rural areas of Southern Maryland to the urban areas of Baltimore City.

The four projects include the following:

**MDOT State Highway Administration (SHA), MD 5 Great Mills Improvement Project:** MDOT SHA is seeking a grant in fulfillment of an initiative to address critical safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and quality of life issues in the rural Southern Maryland region. Currently, MD 5 experiences long traffic queues during the peak travel period, creating congestion and safety concerns, with a crash rate significantly higher than the statewide average for similar routes. Additionally, the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, Naval Air Station Webster Field, and Coast Guard Station St. Inigoes are all located near the project area. These installations alone employ 21,500 active-duty, civilians, and contractors who all rely on MD 5 for access to destinations around Washington D.C. and Maryland in the event of a State or national emergency. This application will provide the funding to address critical needs and represents a strong partnership among MDOT SHA, St. Mary's County, Patuxent River Air Station, and other federal, state, and local partners.


**MDOT Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), East-West Priority Corridor Project:** MDOT MTA is seeking grant funding to improve transportation and economic opportunities for the Baltimore region by improving public transit connections between East and West Baltimore, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers. The East-West Priority Corridor is unique for the great number of employment centers it connects in Baltimore City and Baltimore County, including the University of Maryland Medical Center, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Johns Hopkins Bayview, the Social Security Administration, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and the central business district of downtown Baltimore. The corridor also connects multiple residential communities, hosts two of the region's top five bus routes in terms of ridership, and provides a direct connection to the MARC regional commuter train that travels seven days a week to Washington, DC. The project's proposed improvements will facilitate faster and more reliable transit trips, strengthen multi-modal connections, and provide improvements to existing pedestrian safety issues. The project will provide near-term investments to better connect people to jobs, education, services, and leisure activities, while the region considers long-term options via the Regional Transit Plan.

**MDOT Maryland Port Administration (MPA), *Seagirt Marine Terminal Berth 1 & 2 Modernization P3 Project*:** MDOT MPA is seeking grant funding to add a third berth capable of serving 50-foot draft Ultra Large Container Vessels (ULCVs) and the necessary supporting landside improvements. Baltimore's Seagirt Marine Terminal is currently undergoing improvements to Berth 3 which will allow two ULCVs to berth at once; however, the shipping industry is rapidly evolving due to COVID-19, current supply chain issues, and changes in consumer preferences. These changes have led to the industry's increase in vessel size. These trends are accelerating the frequency and number of large vessels calling ports on the US East Coast, including the Port of Baltimore. Without berth space for three ULCVs, the Port of Baltimore will be excluded from continued international trade growth. The Seagirt Marine Terminal Berth 1 & 2 Modernization P3 Project is a part of a \$500 million public-private partnership investment program to modernize, upgrade, and expand Seagirt. This project will leverage the Port's successful emission reduction program, in addition to significant rail network improvements with construction beginning on the Howard Street Tunnel expansion project later this year.

**MDOT Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA), *BWI Marshall Landside & Southwest Quadrant Planning Study*:** MDOT MAA is seeking grant funding to adapt and modernize the airport infrastructure and surrounding state and county roadways to the changing public ground transportation needs as well as the commercial development patterns related to air cargo and surface delivery logistics. The project's objectives are to meet capacity, optimize passenger experience, enhance traffic safety, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the mix of personal, commercial, transportation network company (TNC), and transit vehicles.

I strongly support these grant applications and urge you to award the requested RAISE funds to these vital, transformative projects. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Larry Hogan  
Governor

Cc: Secretary Greg Slater, Maryland Department of Transportation





BRANDON M. SCOTT  
MAYOR

*100 Holliday Street, Room 250  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202*

July 1, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) grant application for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project will cohesively improve transportation and economic opportunities for the Baltimore region by improving public transit connections between East and West Baltimore, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers.

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I hope you favorably consider this significant project and joins the partnership to improve multi-modal access and safety improvements for this vital corridor in Baltimore.

In Service,

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Brandon M. Scott  
*Mayor*  
*City of Baltimore*





JOHN A. OLSZEWSKI, JR.  
*County Executive*

July 9, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the residents of Baltimore County, I am writing to express my full support for the Maryland application to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT's) 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program for the East-West Priority Corridor.

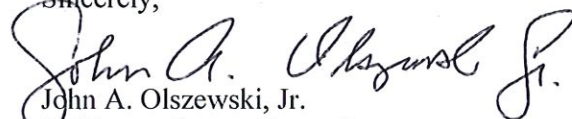
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The proposed project makes critical infrastructure investments to support two bus stops with the highest ridership in the Baltimore region, including 11,000 Baltimore County riders. Improving transit times and bus stops along this key corridor demonstrates a commitment to improving transit access for the entire Baltimore region.

I hope you favorably consider this significant project and joins the partnership to improve multi-modal access and safety improvements for this vital corridor in the Baltimore region.

Sincerely,

  
John A. Olszewski, Jr.  
Baltimore County Executive

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

July 9, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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We urge your full, favorable consideration of this proposal to invest in a critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important transit corridor in the Baltimore region.

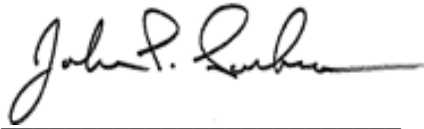
Sincerely,



Benjamin L. Cardin  
United States Senator



Chris Van Hollen  
United States Senator



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John P. Sarbanes  
Member of Congress



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Anthony G. Brown  
Member of Congress



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David Trone  
Member of Congress

**John Bullock, PhD**

District 9

Economic and Community Development Committee

Education, Workforce, and Youth Committee

Health, Environment, and Technology Committee

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## The Baltimore City Council

Baltimore, Maryland 21202

June 30, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

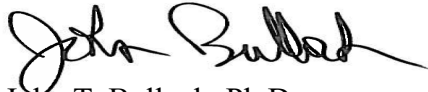
On behalf of the 9<sup>th</sup> District residents of Baltimore City, I am writing to express my full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) grant application for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project will cohesively improve transportation and economic opportunities for the Baltimore region by improving public transit connections between East and West Baltimore, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers.

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I hope you favorably consider this significant project and joins the partnership to improve multi-modal access and safety improvements for this vital corridor in Baltimore.

Sincerely,

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John T. Bullock, Ph.D.  
Councilman, District 9  
Baltimore City Council





**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL**  
**KRISTERFER BURNETT, 8<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

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Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
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July 1, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As the representative of the 8th City Council District, I am writing to express my full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) grant application for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program.

The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project will cohesively improve transportation and economic opportunities for the Baltimore region by improving public transit connections between East and West Baltimore, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers.

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In particular, the Edmondson Ave. corridor, which has been consistently neglected and passed over for transportation investments for years, would benefit greatly by these developments. It would not only bring safety and security to one of the busiest streets in District 8, but supports access to employment and investments opportunities. The residents in our district would benefit greatly by this grant!

I hope you favorably consider this significant project and joins the partnership to improve multi-modal access and safety improvements for this vital corridor in Baltimore.

Sincerely,

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Kristerfer Burnett  
Councilmember – 8<sup>th</sup> District  
Baltimore City Council



Eric T. Costello  
Baltimore City Council, 11<sup>th</sup> District

June 26, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the communities and businesses in Baltimore City's 11<sup>th</sup> District, I am writing to express my full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) grant application for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project will cohesively improve transportation and economic opportunities for the Baltimore region by improving public transit connections between East and West Baltimore, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers.

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Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me directly at [eric.costello@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:eric.costello@baltimorecity.gov) or 410-396-4816.

Sincerely,

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Eric. T. Costello  
Baltimore City Council, 11th District

CITY OF BALTIMORE

BRANDON M. SCOTT, MAYOR



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Jason W. Mitchell, Acting Director  
Abel Wolman Municipal Building, 6th Floor  
200 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

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**OFFICE OF PROMOTION & THE ARTS**  
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6/25/21

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts, I am writing to express my full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) grant application for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project will cohesively improve transportation and economic opportunities for the Baltimore region by improving public transit connections between East and West Baltimore, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers.

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As the Arts Intermediary for Baltimore City, we understand providing enhanced transportation enables communities to better engage in all that Baltimore City has to offer residents and visitors. Transportation access is a key component in ensuring that a community has access to jobs, education, but also to entertainment and cultural events. As our organization plans cultural opportunities throughout the city, safe and reliable public transportation is a key factor in determining where and when we can make opportunities available in all neighborhoods across the city. This transportation enhancement would go a long way to ensuring equitable opportunities for everyone.

I hope you favorably consider this significant project and joins the partnership to improve multi-modal access and safety improvements for this vital corridor in Baltimore.

Sincerely,



Donna Drew Sawyer  
CEO  
Baltimore Office of Promotion and The Arts



June 17, 2021

**The Honorable Pete Buttigieg**  
**Secretary of Transportation**  
**U.S. Department of Transportation**  
**1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE**  
**Washington, DC 20590**

**Subject: Support for Baltimore City East-West Priority Corridor Project**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express Bikemore's full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) grant application for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program.

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Sincerely,

**Jed Weeks**  
**Interim Executive Director**







June 22, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Center for Urban Families (CFUF), I am writing to express my full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) grant application for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project will cohesively improve transportation and economic opportunities for the Baltimore region by improving public transit connections between East and West Baltimore, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers.

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Transportation quality and access are major considerations for CFUF members who are both parents and wage earners. The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project, informed by constituent voice, will increase transit efficiency allowing Baltimore City residents, create a safer transportation experience, and increase the time users have to spend with family and civic engagement.

I hope you favorably consider this significant project and joins the partnership to improve multi-modal access and safety improvements for this vital corridor in Baltimore.

Sincerely,

Joe Jones

President and CEO

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June 23, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance, I am writing to express my full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) grant application for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The proposed *East-West Priority Corridor Project* will improve public transit connections between East and West Baltimore, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers.

The corridor hosts two of the region's top five bus routes in terms of ridership, due in part to the large number of employment centers it connects in Baltimore City and Baltimore County, including the University of Maryland Medical Center, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Johns Hopkins Bayview, the Social Security Administration, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and the central business district of downtown Baltimore. It also provides a direct connection to the MARC regional commuter train that travels seven days a week to Washington, DC.

We advocate for implementation of the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan and this corridor was identified in the plan as one of the highest priority corridors in the region. The dedicated bus lanes and transit signal priority included in the proposed project will improve the speed and reliability of transit service. The pedestrian safety improvements, ADA access investments, shelters, lighting, real-time transit information, and bicycle facilities will make it safer and more comfortable to begin and end transit trips while also benefiting non-transit riders.

The Transportation Alliance believes that it is important for our region to help people improve their access to life's opportunities through fast, frequent, reliable transit in walkable places. The RAISE application by the City of Baltimore and the MTA has the potential to hit on all of those elements by improving the physical streetscape and by prioritizing the movement of transit vehicles. I hope you favorably consider this

significant project and join the partnership to improve multi-modal access and safety improvements for this vital corridor in Baltimore.

Sincerely,

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Brian O'Malley  
President & CEO



June 22, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Consumers for Accessible Ride Services (CARS) and Disability Rights Maryland (DRM) write in support of the grant request from Baltimore City, Maryland Department of Transportation, and Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program. CARS is an organization of transit riders with disabilities dedicated to improving transportation access and options for those with disabilities. Disability Rights Maryland is the designated Protection and Advocacy agency authorized by federal law to advocate for the rights of individuals with disabilities.

The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project will advance racial and disability equity by improving transportation opportunities to communities that have been historically ‘red-lined’ and subject to discrimination. The Project should help those individuals who now must take multiple buses and/or endure very long commuting time, or lack public transit to reach their destination. The Project also promises needed investments to make our transit system accessible to people with disabilities. A 2019 survey of its curb ramps by Baltimore City identified less than two percent of the approximately 38,000 curb ramps compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Many sidewalks and bus stops are similarly inaccessible. Although it has been more than 30 years since the passage of the ADA, we have substantial barriers to public transit that must be addressed.

The East-West Priority Corridor offers connections to jobs and to health care including the University of Maryland Medical Center, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Johns Hopkins Bayview, the Social Security Administration, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and the central business district of downtown Baltimore. The corridor also connects to the MARC commuter train to Washington, DC.

We know you are committed to public transportation. We seek to be fully included in this critical service. Thanking you in advance for your consideration,

Sincerely,

/s/

Floyd Hartley

Chair, CARS

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June 15, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) grant application for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project will cohesively improve transportation and economic opportunities for the Baltimore region by improving public transit connections between East and West Baltimore, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers.

The East-West Priority Corridor is unique for the great number of employment centers it connects in Baltimore City and Baltimore County, including the University of Maryland Medical Center, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Johns Hopkins Bayview, the Social Security Administration, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and the central business district of downtown Baltimore. The corridor also connects multiple residential communities, hosts two of the region's top five bus routes in terms of ridership, and provides a direct connection to the MARC regional commuter train that travels seven days a week to Washington, DC.

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I hope you favorably consider this significant project and joins the partnership to improve multi-modal access and safety improvements for this vital corridor in Baltimore.

Sincerely,

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Shelonda Stokes  
President

June 16, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Greater Washington Partnership (the Partnership), I am writing to express my full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) grant application for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The Partnership is a civic alliance of the leading employers in the Capital Region of Baltimore, Washington and Richmond, who employ more than 250,000 residents and are committed to making the region one of the best places to live, work, and build a business. The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project will cohesively improve transportation and economic opportunities for the Baltimore region by improving public transit connections between East and West Baltimore, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers.

The East-West Priority Corridor is unique for the great number of employment centers it connects in Baltimore City and Baltimore County, including the University of Maryland Medical Center, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Johns Hopkins Bayview, the Social Security Administration, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and the central business district of downtown Baltimore. The corridor also connects multiple residential communities, hosts two of the region's top five bus routes in terms of ridership, and provides a direct connection to the MARC regional commuter train that travels seven days a week to Washington, DC.

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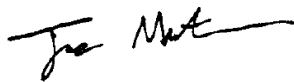
In 2018, the Partnership released the [Blueprint for Regional Mobility](#), an action-oriented strategy to transform the Capital Region's transportation system into an asset that ensures our global competitiveness. Creating high-performing public transit and expanding access to opportunity are two of the Partnership's key transportation priorities that can be accomplished with this RAISE grant application.



Currently, many of the region's bus networks lack adequate political support to close service gaps and properly coordinate and prioritize efficient bus movement. Creating dedicated bus lanes and transit signal priority will greatly improve efficiency along a crucial corridor that connects East and West Baltimore. To expand access to opportunity and achieve more equitable economic growth, this project offers solutions that better connect residents to a broad range of jobs, healthcare, educational opportunities, various businesses, and other activity centers. Finally, this project promises improved coordination between Baltimore's buses and the MARC regional commuter train, creating a more seamless transit network between Baltimore and Washington.

I hope you favorably consider this significant project and join the partners working to improve multi-modal access and safety improvements for this vital corridor in Baltimore.

Sincerely,

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Joe McAndrew  
Vice President for Regional Mobility & Infrastructure





July 7, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Johns Hopkins University & Medicine, I am writing to express my full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) grant application for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project will cohesively improve transportation and economic opportunities for the Baltimore region by improving public transit connections between East and West Baltimore, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers.

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This corridor was identified in the [Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan](#) as one of the highest priority Early Opportunity corridors in the region. The dedicated bus lanes and transit signal priority included in the proposed project will improve the speed and reliability of transit service, and the pedestrian safety improvements, ADA access investments, shelters, lighting, real-time transit information, and bicycle facilities will drive investment into the public realm of communities to improve the safety and comfort for people using the right of way.

As the largest private employer in the state of Maryland, Johns Hopkins University & Medicine is committed to ensuring its employees, students, and patients can easily and safely access our campuses and the many amazing places found in the City of Baltimore. We seek to create economic opportunities that are inclusive of diverse people and create wealth for individuals and communities through economic growth, employment, and investment in our City, and this Corridor will certainly assist in those goals.

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I hope you favorably consider this significant project to improve multi-modal access and safety improvements for this vital corridor in Baltimore.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alicia Wilson', with a stylized, flowing script.

Alicia Wilson  
Vice President for Economic Development  
Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Health System

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June 22, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Labor Network for Sustainability, I am writing to express my full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) grant application for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project will cohesively improve transportation and economic opportunities for the Baltimore region by improving public transit connections between East and West Baltimore, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers.

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As an organization committed to a future that is both economically just and ecologically sustainable, we support improving the transportation network in greater Baltimore. Investing in dedicated bus lanes, bus stop enhancements, and pedestrian/bicycle safety will make it both safer and more sustainable to access jobs in the metro region.

I hope you favorably consider this significant project and join the partnership to improve multi-modal access and safety improvements for this vital corridor in Baltimore.

Sincerely,  
Carunya Achar  
Labor Network for Sustainability



6/22/2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of New Song Community Learning Center, I am writing to express my full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) grant application for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project will cohesively improve transportation and economic opportunities for the Baltimore region by improving public transit connections between East and West Baltimore, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers.

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Since 1991 the New Song Community Learning Center (Baltimore City Public School Charter operator of New Song Academy) has served the children, families, parents, and students of the Sandtown-Winchester community. Our service to our neighborhood comes in various forms, from running extra-curricular, after-school and community programming, reaching out to the community to provide activities and services, and supporting the New Song Academy, parents, teachers, administrative and program staff.

I hope you favorably consider this significant project and joins the partnership to improve multi-modal access and safety improvements for this vital corridor in Baltimore.

Sincerely,

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Jayson J. Green  
Executive Director, New Song Community Learning Center



June 21, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of No Boundaries Coalition, I am writing to express my full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) grant application for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project will cohesively improve transportation and economic opportunities for the Baltimore region by improving public transit connections between East and West Baltimore, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers.

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No Boundaries Coalition (NBC) is a resident-led advocacy organization building a unified and empowered Central West Baltimore (CWB) across the boundaries of race, class and neighborhoods. NBC mobilizes residents from seven different neighborhoods in Baltimore City to challenge the culture of, and the issues created by segregation. Our cross-neighborhood relationships build political capital and mobilize residents to address issues together. Currently, NBC is advocating for gun violence prevention, closing the digital divide, more opportunities for young people, increased voter turnout, increased census participation and mobile food access in our neighborhoods.

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*"deconstructing boundaries, building commUNITY"*

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In the communities that No Boundaries serves, we are in dire need of transportation upgrades as well as quality of life investments. I am sure that you are very aware of the challenges that Baltimore is experiencing with crime. We believe that some of those challenges are because of the disinvestment in our neighborhoods. With this opportunity and your leadership, I know that Baltimore will benefit and will be placed on an upward trajectory.

I hope you favorably consider this significant project and joins the partnership to improve multi-modal access and safety improvements for this vital corridor in Baltimore.

Sincerely,

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**Ashiah S. Parker, MPA**  
Executive Director  
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June 18, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Parks & People, I am writing to express my full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) grant application for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project will cohesively improve transportation and economic opportunities for the Baltimore region by improving public transit connections between East and West Baltimore, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers.

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Parks & People has been and will continue to partner with Baltimore City and MDOT MTA to accelerate design and construction of safe and equitably distributed outdoor spaces that serve Baltimore's residents and businesses. This project addresses the vital component of connecting employers and employees and also connecting resources to the citizens who need those resources.

I hope you favorably consider this significant project and join the partnership to improve multi-modal access and safety improvements for this vital corridor in Baltimore.

Sincerely,



Dr. Franklin Lance  
President and CEO, Parks & People Foundation



# Seawall

6/22/2021

**The Honorable Pete Buttigieg**  
**Secretary of Transportation**  
**U.S. Department of Transportation**  
**1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE**  
**Washington, DC 20590**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Seawall Development, I am writing to express my full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) grant application for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project will cohesively improve transportation and economic opportunities for the Baltimore region by improving public transit connections between East and West Baltimore, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers.

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We have been tasked with the redevelopment of the historical Lexington Market, which is a 40-million-dollar redevelopment of the oldest continuously run Public Market in the Country. This grant would be very beneficial to this project and help mitigate the food desert issues we have in this corridor.

I hope you favorably consider this significant project and joins the partnership to improve multi-modal access and safety improvements for this vital corridor in Baltimore.

Sincerely, Jon Constable





June 23, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Southeast Community Development Corporation, I am writing to express my full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration grant application for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project will cohesively improve transportation and economic opportunities for the Baltimore region by improving the speed and reliability of transit service and safety for bicycle riders between East and West Baltimore, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers.

The East-West Priority Corridor is unique for the great number of employment centers it connects in Baltimore City and Baltimore County, including the University of Maryland Medical Center, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Johns Hopkins Bayview, the Social Security Administration, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the central business district of downtown Baltimore.

Southeast CDC has been convening neighbors along the Fayette Street corridor, specifically around the Library Square Park, for the last five years to implement the quality of life improvements that they prioritize. Road safety and transit access are consistently top concerns expressed by neighbors. To that end, we collaborated with neighbors and sculptural artists to design two custom bus shelters for the Library Square area – works of art that also function as comfortable shelters for transit riders at stops with a high number of users. Community-driven plans were developed for intersection improvements and lane alterations along Fayette Street and area residents continue to coordinate on street improvements as members of the Livable Streets Coalition. Southeast CDC will support the East-West Priority Corridor Project by providing copies of existing plans and connecting partners with local residents during the project's planning phase.

I hope you favorably consider this significant project and join the partnership to improve multi-modal access and safety improvements for this vital corridor in Baltimore.

Sincerely,

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Kari Snyder  
Executive Director



June 22, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Southwest Partnership of Baltimore, I am writing to express my full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) grant application for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The Southwest Partnership is a coalition of seven neighborhoods and six institutions working to revitalize neighborhoods devastated by federal highway projects, redlining, and economic neglect. The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project will cohesively improve transportation and economic opportunities for the Baltimore region by improving public transit connections between East and West Baltimore, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers.

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In a part of Baltimore City where 47% of residents do not own a car, and 40% are living below the poverty line, improving access to public transportation that connects to family-sustaining jobs is critical to equitable development.

I hope you favorably consider this significant project and join the partnership to improve multi-modal access and safety improvements for this vital corridor in Baltimore.

Sincerely,

Anthony Scott  
Executive Director



**516 N. Charles Street, Suite 312 - Baltimore, Maryland 21201**

June 16, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Transit Choices, I am writing to express my full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) grant application for the 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project will cohesively improve transportation and economic opportunities for the Baltimore region by improving public transit connections between East and West Baltimore, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers.

The East-West Priority Corridor is unique for the great number of employment centers it connects in Baltimore City and Baltimore County, including the University of Maryland Medical Center, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Johns Hopkins Bayview, the Social Security Administration, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and the central business district of downtown Baltimore. The corridor also connects multiple residential communities, hosts two of the region's top five bus routes in terms of ridership, and provides a direct connection to the MARC regional commuter train that travels seven days a week to Washington, DC.

This corridor was identified in the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan as one of the highest priority Early Opportunity corridors in the region. The dedicated bus lanes and transit signal priority included in the proposed project will improve the speed and reliability of transit service,

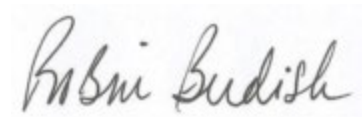
and the pedestrian safety improvements, ADA access investments, shelters, lighting, real-time transit information, and bicycle facilities will drive investment into the public realm of communities to improve the safety and comfort for people using the right of way.

For ten years, Transit Choices has advocated for better public transit in Baltimore. A system that is multi-modal, integrated between modes, equitable, sustainable both economically and environmentally, and user friendly. To reach its potential, Baltimore needs near-term investments to better connect people to jobs, education, healthcare and healthy food. Over 30% of Baltimoreans have no access to cars.

The proposed East-West Priority Corridor Project is critical because it will provide the high quality transit access that is required for people to reach their destinations, and improve their lives. The economic impact of public transportation investment is a lifeline for many as it provides mobility options, generates jobs, and spurs economic growth.

I hope you favorably consider this significant project and join the partnership to improve multi-modal access and safety improvements for this vital corridor in Baltimore.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin Budish". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

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