

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are pleased to support the collaborative application of the Maryland Department of Transportation (“MDOT”) and the City of Baltimore for funding for the *Opportunities for Access and Connectivity at Reisterstown Plaza Station* planning project (“the Project”) through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (“RAISE”) grant program.

The Project proposes to build off MDOT and the City of Baltimore’s master planning efforts to advance multi-modal transit, transit orientated development (“TOD”), and pedestrian infrastructure efforts at an MDOT-designated TOD site. The Maryland Transit Administration (“MTA”) owns approximately 25.6 acres of land adjacent to the Reisterstown Plaza subway station and has competitively selected a private partner to advance a mixed-use development on site. The project will use RAISE planning funds to advance public infrastructure improvements at the proposed TOD site to 30% design, through environmental review, and to provide for robust public engagement around the proposed improvements.

The proposed concepts include improved pedestrian and ADA access to the MTA Metro SubwayLink Reisterstown Plaza Station on-site, on Patterson Avenue and on Wabash Avenue. Wabash Avenue is an unfinished six-lane arterial road which lacks pedestrian facilities and serves as a barrier to transit access. Additionally, the project will advance efforts around a new bus facility that is connected to the SubwayLink Station and consolidated parking infrastructure elements at the site, which will include clean energy and bicycle infrastructure.

The Reisterstown Plaza Station area is a U.S. Department of Transportation-defined Equitable Transportation Community and, if funded, this project would support strong public engagement efforts around the Reisterstown Plaza Station TOD to ensure community input and compliance with Baltimore’s Inclusionary Housing requirements.

We fully support the collaborative efforts of the Maryland Department of Transportation and the City of Baltimore to advance Transit Oriented Development and pedestrian infrastructure improvements at the Reisterstown Plaza Metro Station. We urge you to give its application full consideration.

Sincerely,



Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator



Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator



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Member of Congress



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