

March 3, 2022

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 Anne Arundel County's application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure for Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding for the Parole Transit Center at Westfield Annapolis Mall as well as supportive multi modal infrastructure and components. This project aligns strongly with the goals of the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan (CMRTP) to enhance transit hubs and advance zero emission bus programs. The Parole/Annapolis area was identified in the CMRTP as a potential transit hub for the region and a targeted strategy by Anne Arundel County.

Anne Arundel County's proposed grant application would provide four major components which include: (1) construction of the Parole Transit Center facility; (2) two containerized charging units; (3) connective pedestrian-bicycle paths; and (4) two electric transit vehicles that will serve localized routes. Transit hubs are important for both transit passengers and transit operators. Well-situated and well-designed hubs can significantly improve the customer experience.

We strongly support Anne Arundel County's development of projects to enhance transit service for communities in need as well as add a new circulator service to the Parole area as well as greater Anne Arundel County. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Ms. Kate Sylvester, MDOT MTA Deputy Administrator at 410-767-3889 or ksylvester@mdot.maryland.gov. Of course, you may always contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Digitally signed by
Holly Arnold.
Date: 2022.03.03

Holly Arnold
Administrator

cc: Ms. Kate Sylvester, Deputy Administrator, MDOT MTA

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March 2, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my support for Anne Arundel County's Department of Transportation's application for the funding of its Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. The grant would be used for the construction of the Parole Transit Center at Westfield Annapolis Mall as well as associated supportive multi modal infrastructure and components.

Anne Arundel County is constantly striving to provide its residents with innovative multi-modal options to connect to jobs, educational resources, and services that enhance their quality of life. This grant will allow Anne Arundel County to implement enhancements for their residents and community at large, in the following four areas: (1) construction of the Parole Transit Center facility; (2) two containerized charging units; (3) connective pedestrian-bicycle paths; and (4) two electric transit vehicles that will serve localized routes.

I know you are committed to making transportation systems safer, more accessible, and more sustainable for people across the country. This grant will help to do that as well as increase workforce development opportunities.

I strongly support Anne Arundel County's development of projects to enhance transit service for the Parole-Annapolis area as well as greater Anne Arundel County. I respectfully request that you give full and fair consideration to Anne Arundel County's application for funding for this grant.

Sincerely,



Anthony G. Brown

AGB/ars

April 7, 2021

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

Re: RAISE Grant Application for the Anne Arundel County Parole Transit Center

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

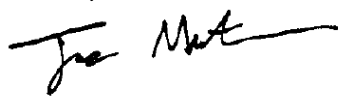
On behalf of the Greater Washington Partnership (the Partnership), I am writing to express our support for Anne Arundel County's application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant for the Parole Transit Center at Westfield Annapolis Mall, as well as supportive multi modal infrastructure and components.

The Partnership is a civic alliance of the leading employers in the Capital Region, from Baltimore to Richmond, who employ more than 300,000 residents and are committed to making the region one of the best places to live, work, and build a business. Creating high-performing public transit and expanding access to opportunity are key components of our [Blueprint for Regional Mobility](#) that will be advanced by this application. The Parole Transit Center project aligns strongly with the goals of the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan (CMRTP) which the Partnership supports as a member of the plan's Implementation Committee. The CMRTP calls for enhanced transit hubs and advance zero emission bus programs, with a particular focus on areas like the proposed Parole Transit Center.

Anne Arundel County's proposed grant application would provide four major components which include: (1) construction of the Parole Transit Center facility; (2) two containerized charging units; (3) connective pedestrian-bicycle paths; and (4) two electric transit vehicles that will serve localized routes. Transit hubs are important for both transit passengers and transit operators to facilitate regional connectivity. The Parole Transit Hub will be the premier transit center for the county, tying the county and its residents into the Baltimore and Washington MSAs.

We strongly support Anne Arundel County's development of projects to enhance transit service for communities in need as well as add a new circulator service to the Parole area and the Capital Region. I thank you for your consideration and support of Anne Arundel County's Parole Transit Center application.

Sincerely,



Joe McAndrew
Vice President, Government Affairs & Infrastructure





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County Executive Steuart L. Pittman

Office of Transportation
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Samuel D. Snead
Director of Transportation

February 28, 2022

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We are pleased to support the application of Anne Arundel County, Maryland for funding of its RAISE grant for the construction of the Parole Transit Center at Westfield Annapolis Mall as well as associated supportive multi modal infrastructure and components.

Anne Arundel County's proposed grant application would provide four major components which include: (1) construction of the Parole Transit Center facility; (2) two containerized charging units; (3) connective pedestrian-bicycle paths; and (4) two electric transit vehicles that will serve localized routes.

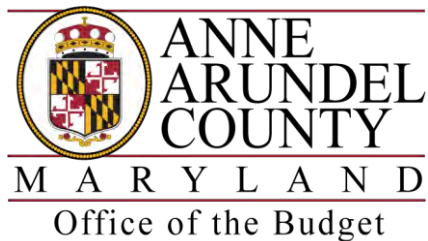
We strongly support Anne Arundel County's development of projects to enhance transit service for the elderly and disabled as well as add a new circulator service to the Parole area as well as greater Anne Arundel County.

Sincerely,

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Samuel D. Snead

Cc: File



March 3, 2022

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Match Commitment – RAISE grant for Parole Transit Center in Anne Arundel County, Maryland

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Anne Arundel County, Maryland is submitting this grant application to the United States Department of Transportation to obtain potential funding through the RAISE Grant Program to fund the construction of Parole Transit Center and associated supportive infrastructure and components.

Should the County be awarded the funding as detailed in the attached application's budget, the County would be able to meet the 20% required match as described. In the County's approved Fiscal Year 2022 capital budget, the Parole Transit Center capital project (H581200) contains \$2,600,000 of county funding in Fiscal Year 2022 and \$10,693,000 of county funding programmed for Fiscal Year 2023.

Sincerely,



Chris Trumbauer
Budget Officer

cc: Sam Snead, Director of Transportation
Matt Power, Chief Administrative Officer



City of Annapolis
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Mayor

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Steuart Pittman
County Executive

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Administrator

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Acting Director

February 28, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB), the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, is pleased to offer its support for the Anne Arundel County application for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Discretionary Grant for the **Parole Transit Center Project** at Westfield Annapolis Mall as well as associated supportive multi modal infrastructure and components.

Anne Arundel County's proposed grant application would provide four major components which include: (1) construction of the Parole Transit Center facility; (2) two containerized charging units; (3) connective pedestrian-bicycle paths; and (4) two electric transit vehicles that will serve localized routes.

The BRTB is committed to adding all funds awarded under this program to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) immediately upon award. The Parole Town Center Project is already incorporated into our adopted FY 2022-2025 TIP. This project directly responds to the goals identified in the Baltimore region's long-range transportation plan.

We strongly support Anne Arundel County's development of projects to enhance transit service for the elderly and disabled as well as add a new circulator service to the Parole area as well as greater Anne Arundel County. The BRTB appreciates your favorable consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Todd Lang, Staff Director
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

April 7, 2022

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



RE: RAISE grant for the Parole Transit Center at Westfield Annapolis Mall

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield (URW) is pleased to support the application of Anne Arundel County, Maryland for funding of its RAISE grant for the construction of the Parole Transit Center at Westfield Annapolis Mall as well as associated supportive multi modal infrastructure and components. We are currently in negotiations for a possible partnership to provide the necessary land to accommodate the facility.

Anne Arundel County's proposed grant application would provide four major components which include: (1) construction of the Parole Transit Center facility; (2) two containerized charging units; (3) connective pedestrian-bicycle paths; and (4) two electric transit vehicles that will serve localized routes.

These investments support the Administration's goals of creating good-paying jobs, growing the economy, reducing emissions, improving safety, and making our transportation more sustainable and resilient.

URW strongly supports Anne Arundel County's development of projects to enhance transit service for the Parole-Annapolis area as well as greater Anne Arundel County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas Tierney".

Thomas Tierney, EVP Center Operations & Construction Management

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Stavropoulos".

Steven Stavropoulos, General Manager at Westfield Annapolis