

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 12, 2026

The Honorable Jamie Pfister
Acting Executive Director
Federal Transit Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Acting Executive Director Pfister:

We are pleased to support the Maryland Transit Administration's (MTA) application for funding through the Federal Transit Administration's All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP) for the MARC System Accessibility Improvements Project.

MTA's MARC System Accessibility Improvements Project will deliver critical accessibility upgrades at two legacy Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) stations - Martin State Airport Station on the Penn Line and the Metropolitan Grove Station on the Brunswick Line - bringing both into full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Both stations predate the ADA and lack the infrastructure necessary to safely and reliably serve all passengers.

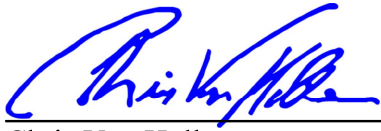
At the Martin State Airport Station, the project will replace existing at-grade crossings with accessible, grade-separated connections, including high-level platforms and a pedestrian bridge. These improvements will enhance safety and eliminate the need for passengers to traverse active rail tracks used by MARC, Amtrak, and freight service. The Metropolitan Grove Station project will address longstanding accessibility deficiencies through platform reconstruction, accessible parking improvements, updated signage, and the installation of wheelchair lifts and enclosures.

These investments are essential to ensuring that Maryland's commuter rail system is accessible to all users, including individuals with disabilities, families with strollers, and older adults. Both stations serve as key multimodal connections, linking surrounding communities to major employment centers in Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, as well as to local and regional bus networks.

The MARC System Accessibility Improvements Project represents a meaningful step toward modernizing Maryland's regional rail network and expanding equitable access to opportunity. By advancing long-overdue upgrades at these stations, this project will improve safety, enhance mobility, and strengthen connections across the region.

We strongly support the Maryland Transit Administration's efforts to ensure that the Martin State Airport Station and the Metropolitan Grove Station are ADA compliant. We urge you to give its application every consideration.

Sincerely,



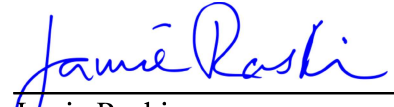
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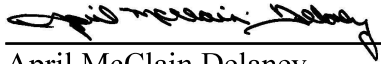
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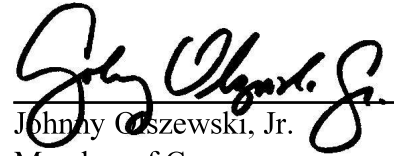
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