

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

February 27, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are writing to express our full support for the joint Baltimore City and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding for the Mondawmin RAISE Transit Hub Project. The proposed Mondawmin RAISE project will transform one of Baltimore's most actively used transportation hubs by making critical state-of-good-repair investments in the Mondawmin station infrastructure, upgrading multi-modal infrastructure connecting the station to key destinations, and ensuring that the station and sidewalks within a half-mile of the station are fully accessible to people with disabilities.

With targeted investment in and around Mondawmin Station, the Mondawmin RAISE project provides a rare chance to directly enhance quality of life for riders and residents in this community situated around a major retail center, educational institutions, recreation, and social services in West Baltimore. The station is a vital and popular connection point for MDOT MTA riders, thanks to its location on Baltimore's sole Metro line and its role as a connecting point for 11 MDOT MTA bus routes, making it the most-used transfer point in Baltimore's transit system. In spite of the station's importance, 91 percent of its users access it by foot or wheelchair, and to reach the station, they must navigate unsafe intersections and roadways that prioritize cars over pedestrian safety. Mondawmin Station also relies on infrastructure that is not ADA compliant and key systems that are past their useful life.

The Mondawmin RAISE Project will directly address these challenges, investing in station system upgrades and bus loop reconstruction, upgrading pedestrian infrastructure for full ADA compliance, redesigning intersections for pedestrian and bicycle safety, introducing new wayfinding, and enhancing pedestrian and bike connections to the station from nearby communities, schools, parks, and shopping. This project will complement and enhance significant nearby transportation investments, including multi-million-dollar renovations of two Baltimore City public schools, a Complete Streets redesign of Druid Park Lake Drive, and large-scale investment in Druid Hill Park.

We request your full and favorable consideration of this significant project to improve multi-modal access and safety for this vital transit hub in Baltimore.

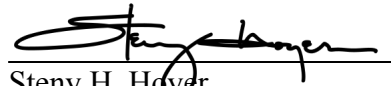
Sincerely,



Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator



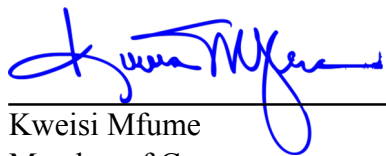
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