

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 9, 2020

The Honorable K. Jane Williams
Acting Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20003-3660

Dear Acting Administrator Williams:

We are pleased to support the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Real-Time Transit Infrastructure and Rolling Stock Condition Assessment Research and Demonstration Grant Program funds for the Mobile LiDAR: Modernizing Condition Assessments project.

The MDOT MTA Light Rail system provides service to riders in Baltimore County, Baltimore City, and Anne Arundel County. It consists of 33 stations and served approximately 6.5M annual passengers in 2019. MDOT MTA's project will identify defects such as cracking or erosion along the light rail corridor using Light Detection And Ranging (LiDAR) technology. Mobile LiDAR: Modernizing Condition Assessments demonstrates MDOT MTA's commitment to improving data acquisition and using modern, more efficient tools to support a robust and integrated transit asset management program.

We strongly support the efforts of the Maryland Department of Transportation's Maryland Transit Administration to ensure a safer and more efficient asset management program for the Light Rail system. We urge you to give its proposal full consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator

/s/ Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator

/s/ C.A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger
Member of Congress

/s/ John P. Sarbanes
Member of Congress

/s/ Kweisi Mfume
Member of Congress