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Darrell J. Smith, Director  
Statewide Project Development  
Maryland Transit Administration  
Office of Statewide Planning  
6 St. Paul Street  
Baltimore, Maryland  
21202

Re: City of Rockville Support for the MTA application to the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program

Dear Mr. Smith,

The City of Rockville appreciates the opportunity to be included in the Maryland Transit Administration's application to the FY 24-25 Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program and strongly supports the MTA's application to enhance system resiliency and increase safety, to invest in long-distance passenger service, and to improve system operations and connectivity.

The City's component of the application will study, evaluate, and design an improved pedestrian bridge that allows riders to traverse over an at-grade roadway crossing and directly access WMATA transit, MARC, and Amtrak platforms at the Rockville Station. It will also study and design a new train hall for MARC and Amtrak riders, which will not only improve the quality of service for intercity rail passengers, but also act as a new gateway leading riders to the Rockville Town Center.

If the MTA's application to the FY 24-25 Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program grant is awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration, the City of Rockville will seek to appropriate the necessary local funding match for the Rockville components of the project, the study and design for the pedestrian bridge and train hall. The City of Rockville will also coordinate with MTA to help manage and implement these components of the project, if awarded.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Thank you,

Jeff Mihelich, City Manager  
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