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# BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS APPROVES KEY CONTRACT TO ADVANCE THE BALTIMORE RED LINE

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### Project Begins Federal Environmental Review Process

BALTIMORE, MD (June 6, 2024) - The Maryland Board of Public Works (BPW) today unanimously approved a Program Management Consultant service contract for the Maryland Transit Administration in support of the Baltimore Red Line. This eight-year, \$100 million contract, awarded to Gannett Fleming, Inc., will enable the project team to further advance preliminary engineering activities such as project design, schedule development, and environmental reviews. A General Engineering Consultant contract is expected to be awarded later this summer.

"The approval of this critical contract is another major step in our efforts to build the Baltimore Red Line," said Maryland Transit Administrator Holly Arnold. "This is a much-needed project for our region and our team is committed to delivering it as quickly as possible."

## The **Red Line**

Governor Wes Moore relaunched the Baltimore Red Line in June 2023 with a commitment to deliver the project as quickly as feasible. The Maryland Transit Administration also announced today that the Red Line has restarted the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to examine potential environmental impacts from the project.

In accordance with NEPA, the FTA and Maryland Transit Administration will prepare a **Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)** for the Red Line. The review will build upon previous technical work, environmental analysis and engagement activities, as well as recent local and regional planning studies. The SEIS provides the framework with which the Red Line considers changes to address project impacts.

The Red Line project has been shaped by more than a decade of study, engineering, environmental analysis, and substantial community participation. To learn more and to sign up for project updates, visit <a href="https://redlinemaryland.com">https://redlinemaryland.com</a> and follow the Red Line progress on <a href="facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="mailto:X,">X,</a>, <a href="mailto:Instagram">Instagram</a> and <a href="mailto:Threads">Threads</a>. To contact the project team, email <a href="mailto:outreach@redlinemaryland.com">outreach@redlinemaryland.com</a>.

The Maryland Transit Administration is one of the largest multi-modal transit systems in the United States, operating systems that include Local Bus, Commuter Bus, Light Rail, Metro Subway, MARC Train Service and a comprehensive Mobility paratransit network. Our goal is to provide safe, efficient, and reliable transit across Maryland with world-class customer service. To learn more, visit <a href="mailto:mta.maryland.gov">mta.maryland.gov</a>, check us out on Facebook at <a href="mailto:facebook.com/mtamaryland">facebook.com/mtamaryland</a> and follow us on Twitter <a href="mailto:mtamaryland">mtamaryland</a>.

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