Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program

Presentation to:
Fayette Street Outreach

Tuesday, July 25, 2023
Safety Message

PROTECT WORKERS

GIVE WORKERS EXTRA ROOM

SLOW DOWN AS YOU APPROACH WORKERS

BE PREPARED TO STOP

WORK ZONE SAFETY TIP

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Introductions / Project Team

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Meeting Purpose

Project Recap / Updates
Discuss connection near West Baltimore MARC
Discuss upcoming construction activities
Connect project team with community
Solicit feedback from community
New Frederick Douglass Tunnel alignment which will replace the current B&P Tunnel.
Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program

The Program will completely modernize Amtrak’s Northeast Corridor (NEC) in West Baltimore with several elements that include:

- Constructing the new Frederick Douglass Tunnel
- Upgrading the West Baltimore MARC Station
- Installing Modern fire / life safety systems
- Constructing rail tracks, bridges, and roadways
- Creating community investment projects
Program Scope

- New Frederick Douglass Tunnel
  - 2 Tunnel Bores
  - 3 Emergency Ventilation Facilities
- New / Upgraded West Baltimore MARC Station
- 5 Bridge replacements
- 8 Roadway modifications
- 5 New / Upgraded Interlockings
- 30+ Miles of Track & Catenary
- 48+ Structure Demolitions
- 200,000+ Sq Ft of Retaining Walls
- 600,000+ Yards of Concrete
Project Benefits

**COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS**
$50 million for community investments

**INFRASTRUCTURE**
Improvements to transportation infrastructure

**ACCESSIBILITY**
Creating accessibility for all with new ADA-accessible WBAL MARC Station

**20,000 JOBS**
Project will generate approx. 20,000 jobs over course of construction
West Baltimore MARC Station
West Baltimore MARC Station Design Elements

The new West Baltimore MARC Station will feature the following upgrades:

• Level boarding (between platform and train)
• Extended station platforms
• Platform canopy covers
• Elevators (both sides of station)
• Public restrooms *
• Widened sidewalks
• ADA accessible ramps

* New feature
West Baltimore MARC Station

EXISTING SOUTHBOUND PLATFORM
West Baltimore MARC Station

EXISTING SIDEWALK AT FRANKLIN ST

EXISTING SIDEWALK ON W MULBERRY ST
West Baltimore MARC Station

EXISTING NORTHBOUND PLATFORM ACCESS

EXISTING SOUTHBOUND PLATFORM ACCESS
West Baltimore MARC Station

Existing Aerial View
West Baltimore MARC Station

Proposed Aerial View
West Baltimore MARC Station

Proposed Northbound Station Entrance
West Baltimore MARC Station

Proposed Southbound Station Entrance
Pedestrian Connections

NORTHBOUND PLATFORM

SOUTHBOUND PLATFORM

MARC STATION EGRESS RAMPS & STAIRS
EMERGENCY ONLY

MARC TRAIN

N. BENTALOU ST.
RETAINING WALL & SOUND BARRIER

LAURETTA AVE

WORKING DRAFT
Connections to Community
Pedestrian Connections
Pedestrian Connections

Potential Proposed Path
Upcoming Program Activities
Property Impacts & Negotiations

• As design of the project was completed, Amtrak identified “impacted” properties for acquisition within the project limit of disturbance
• Amtrak is legally required to provide fair market value for all acquired properties according to the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (“URA”)
• Property acquisitions are handled by the Amtrak Real Estate team
• The Amtrak Real Estate team is in the process of finalizing negotiations with property owners for impacted properties
  • At this time, most impacted property owners have already been contacted and are in negotiations with the Amtrak Real Estate team
Early Program Activities

• Finalize property negotiations
• Identify early salvage and deconstruct properties
• Secure demolition contractor
• Remove reusable materials from properties
• Demolish properties
Anticipated Construction Impacts

- Construction always brings some degree of impact.
- Amtrak’s goal is to have regular, consistent communication with the communities and residents regarding the necessary construction related to the new Frederick Douglass Tunnel.
- Construction impacts include:
  - Vehicular and pedestrian travel detours
  - Roadway closures
  - Temporary impacts to street parking
- Additional traffic by hauling of construction debris, excavation spoils, and building materials
- Anticipated to begin **Fall 2023**
Next Steps
Upcoming Project Activities

• Utility relocations  
  Summer 2023

• Host pop-up meetings within project area  
  Summer 2023

• Attend community meetings  
  Ongoing

• Host community informational meeting  
  Fall 2023

• Begin property salvage and demolition  
  Fall 2023

• Select and mobilize contractors  
  Fall 2023
Amtrak is committed to investing in West Baltimore.

- Public Meetings (Ongoing)
- West Baltimore MARC Station Informational Pop-up Meeting (June 2022)
- Community Clean-up (July 2022)
- Mary A. Winterling School Volunteer Day (November 2022)
- Mary A. Winterling School Samaritan’s Feet Shoe Donation (February 2023)
- Industry Day Event (March 2023)
- Mary A. Winterling School Spring Volunteer Day (April 2023)
- Franklin Square School KABOOM Playground Build (May 2023)
- Rail Safety Presentation at Mary Ann Winterling School (July 2023)
Stay Involved

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