



# Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program

Presentation to:  
**Fayette Street Outreach**

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

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# Introductions / Project Team

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## Program Outreach

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## Program Management Team

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# Meeting Purpose

Project Recap / Updates

Discuss connection near West Baltimore MARC

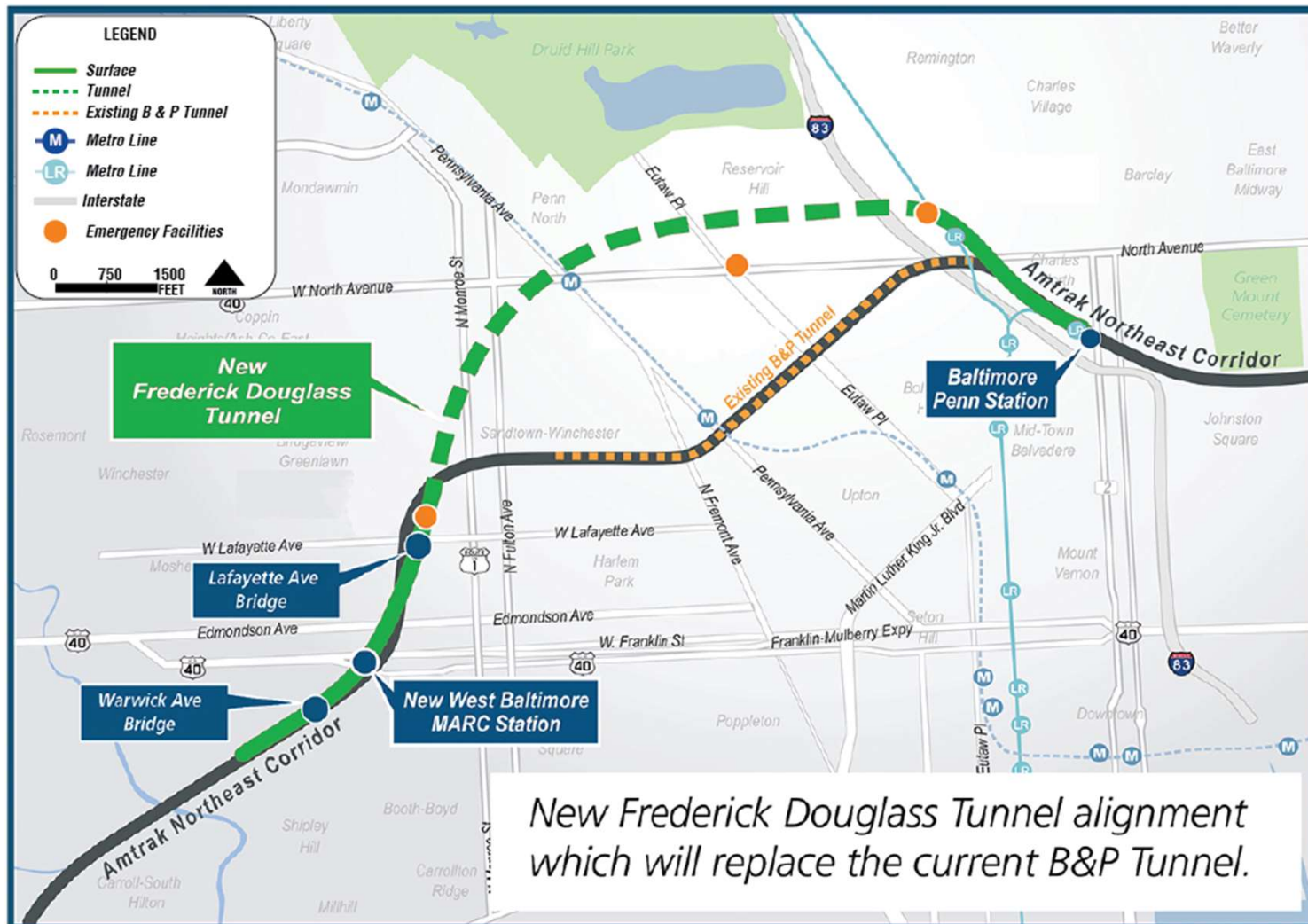
Discuss upcoming construction activities

Connect project team with community

Solicit feedback from community



# Project Map



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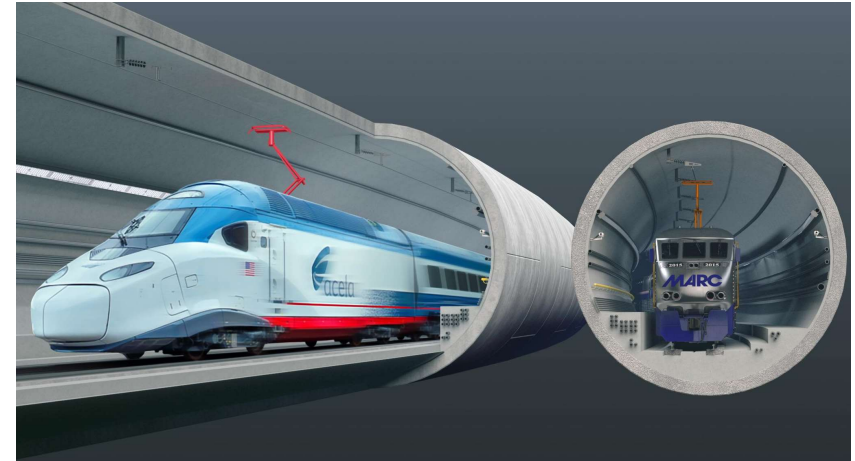
# Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program

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



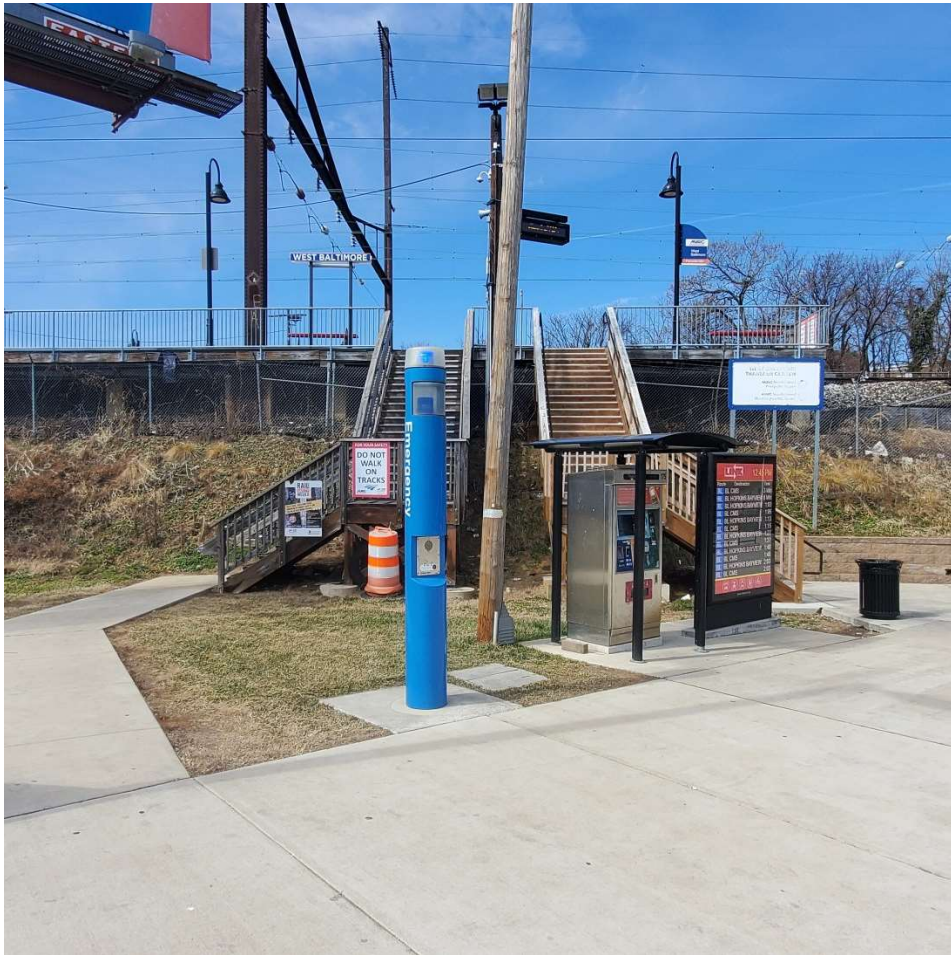
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# West Baltimore MARC Station



EXISTING NORTHBOUND PLATFORM ACCESS



EXISTING SOUTHBOUND PLATFORM ACCESS



# West Baltimore MARC Station



**Existing Aerial View**



# West Baltimore MARC Station



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## Proposed Aerial View

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## Proposed Northbound Station Entrance



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## Proposed Southbound Station Entrance

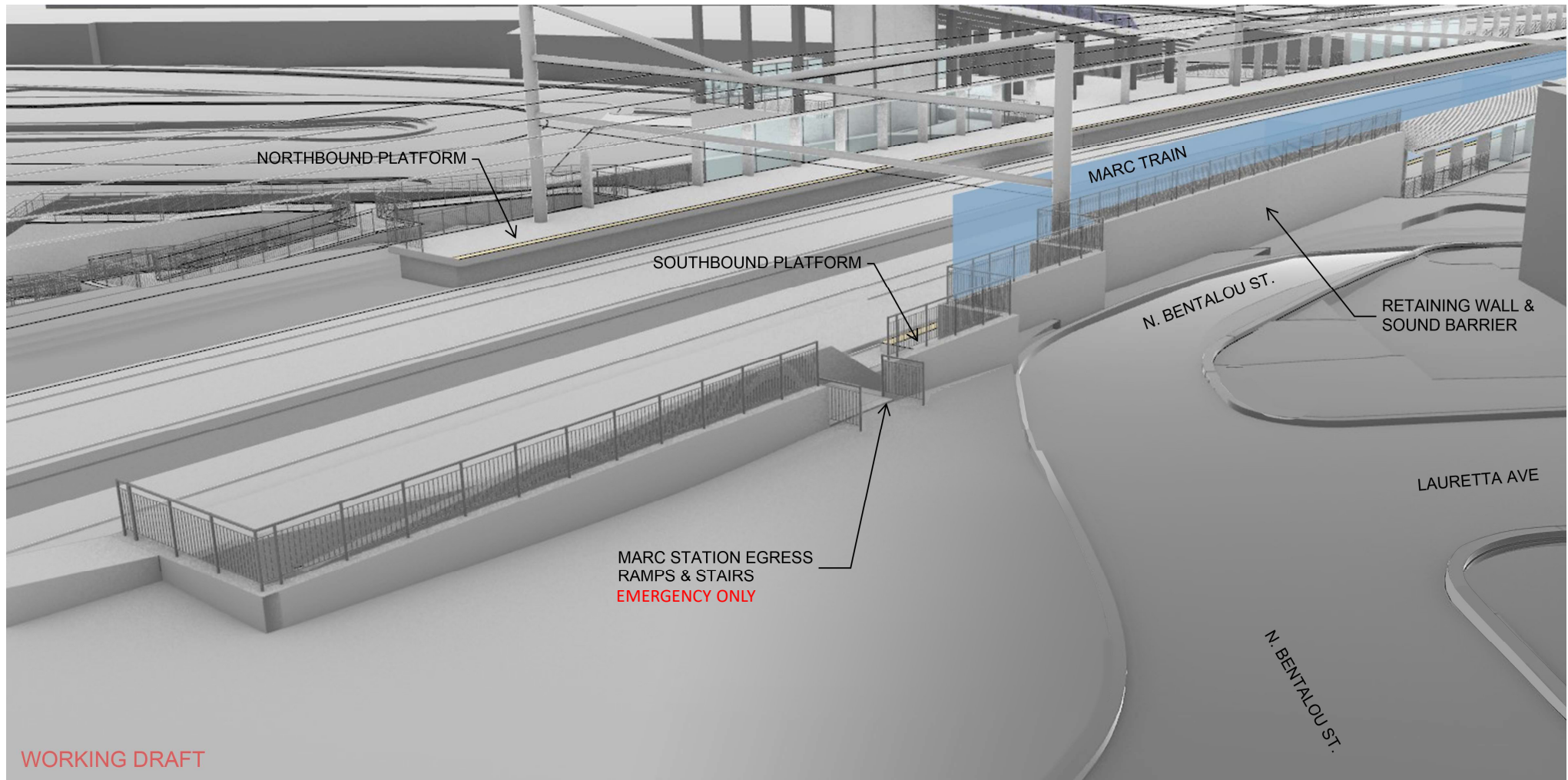
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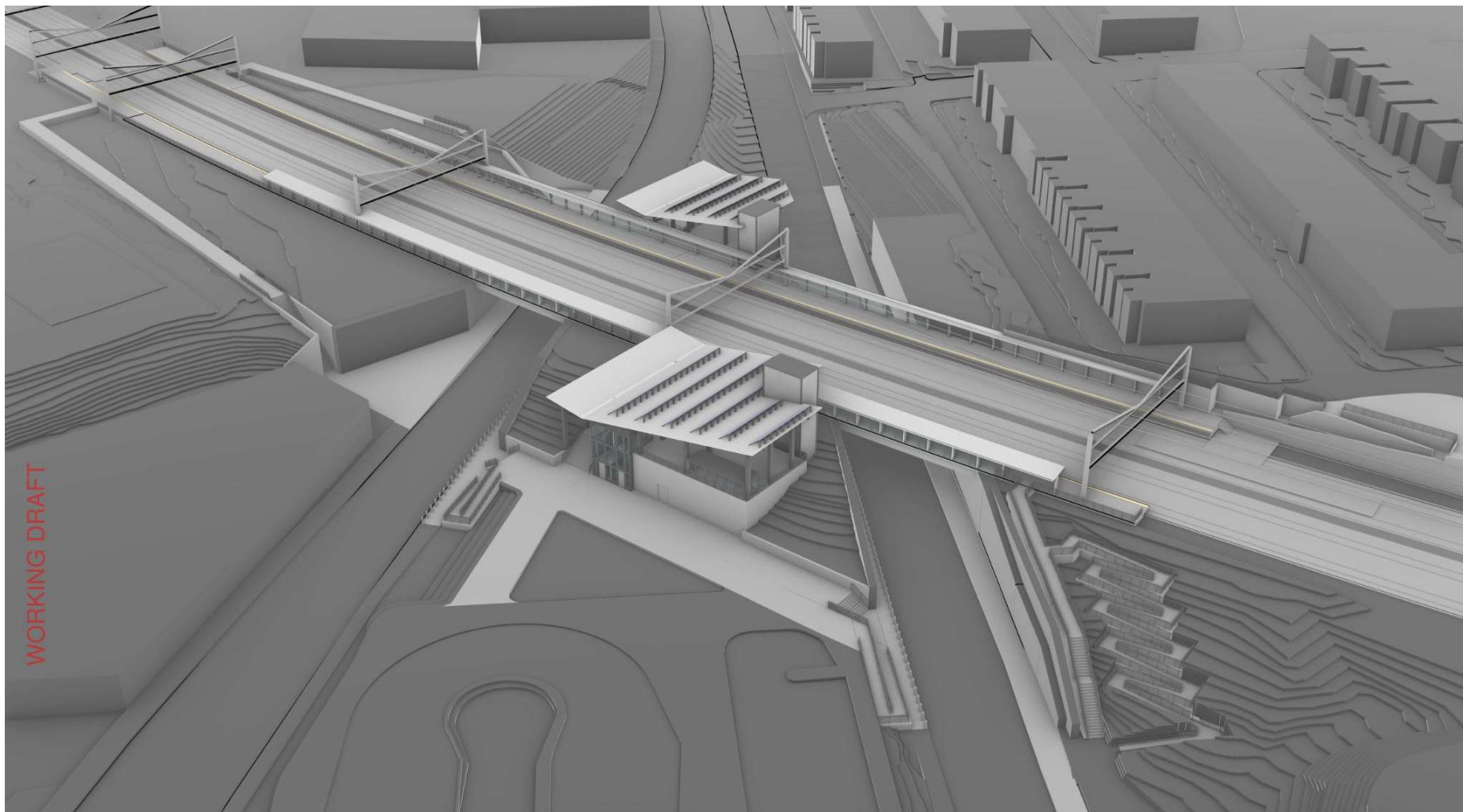


# Pedestrian Connections

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# Connections to Community



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# Pedestrian Connections





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# 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

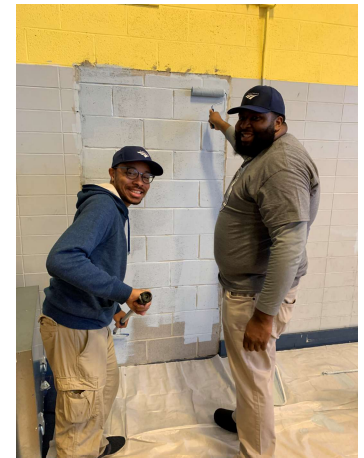
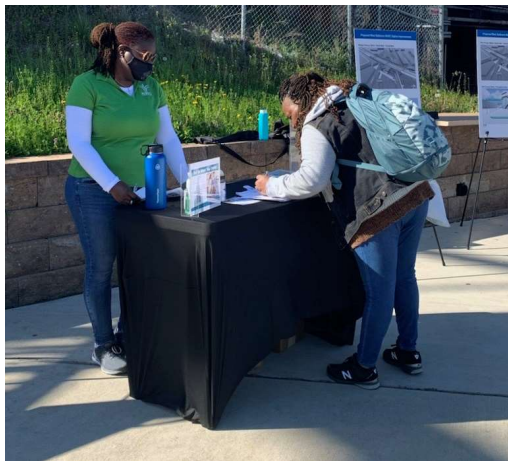
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| • Utility relocations                      | Summer 2023 |
| • Host pop-up meetings within project area | Summer 2023 |
| • Attend community meetings                | Ongoing     |
| • Host community informational meeting     | Fall 2023   |
| • Begin property salvage and demolition    | Fall 2023   |
| • Select and mobilize contractors          | Fall 2023   |



# Amtrak in the Community

*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

To learn more about future engagement opportunities:

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