



## Calling all train fans

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## Kids' Corner

Hey kids, allow us to introduce ourselves. We are Amtrak and our job is to move people all around North America on our trains. In fact, Amtrak helps nearly 30 million people get where they need to go every year! Here's a little bit more about us and what we do:

- Amtrak operates 300+ trains every day!
- In Baltimore, Amtrak owns Baltimore Penn Station and the Baltimore and Potomac (B&P) Tunnel, which is 150 years old!
- Amtrak trains can travel up to 150 miles per hour. Talk about fast!
- Amtrak transports people to more than 500 destinations nationwide. Where in the United States or Canada would YOU like to explore?
- If you combine Amtrak's train routes into a single straight track, it would be over 21,400 miles long. That's almost long enough to wrap around the earth three times!

We have created a Frederick Douglass Activity Sheet for children. Request copies for your school or community center at [fdtunnel@amtrak.com](mailto:fdtunnel@amtrak.com) or call (443) 423-1115.

## Stay Involved

Providing frequent and proactive updates on construction activities is crucial to successfully delivering the Program. As construction activities continue to ramp up, Amtrak will continue sharing information on the Program with the community. To ensure community members are provided with important information about the Program, the Program team will host both virtual (1st Monday of the month) and in-person (2nd Wednesday of the month) bi-monthly public meetings and attend meetings at the request of the community to share Program information with community members.

### Upcoming 2024 Bi-monthly Community Meetings

- Monday, July 22 (Virtual)\*
- Wednesday, July 24 (In-Person)\*
- Monday, September 9 (Virtual)\*\*
- Wednesday, September 11 (In-Person)
- Monday, November 4 (Virtual)
- Wednesday, November 13 (In-Person)

\*Adjusted to avoid Fourth of July Holiday

\*\*Adjusted to avoid Labor Day Holiday

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Welcome to our newsletter which will provide updates and important news during construction.

# ON TRACK

## Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program



## A Letter from Program Leadership

It's been ten months since I joined Amtrak to lead the Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program (Program), and I would like to reflect on the significant progress our team has made during this period.

Last November, President Biden announced a historic \$4.7 billion grant for the Program, thanks to the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Combined with funding commitments from Amtrak and the State of Maryland, I am proud that this transformative \$6B Program is now fully funded.

We have awarded two major contracts for construction of the [southern approach](#) and [the new tunnel](#), as well as Amtrak's first-ever Delivery Partner contract, which brings vast experience to our integrated Program management team. As we announced in public communications a few months ago, demolition activities have begun.

We are looking forward to kicking off construction activities this summer, starting with utility relocations and site preparation work. As construction ramps up, safety is our top priority for both our construction team and the public. Prioritizing community communication and engagement is another key focus for me and the Program team.

Since joining Amtrak, I've reemphasized our commitment to ongoing community engagement that keeps everyone

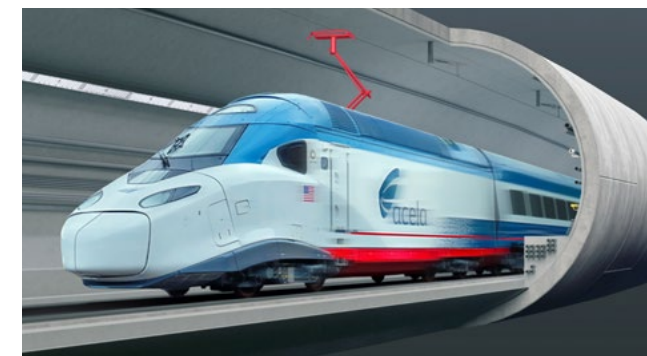
informed about the work ahead. I have enjoyed several volunteer opportunities in West Baltimore, including the recent clean-up event in Druid Heights this past April.

I joined the Jayne Miller radio show on WBAL in April to discuss the overall Program, including our partnership with the Maryland Transit Administration to build a new fully ADA accessible West Baltimore MARC Station to replace the existing station. I am confident this crucial aspect of the Program will improve accessibility for all and catalyze future development and revitalization in West Baltimore.

Another notable aspect of the Program is the creation of Amtrak's Community Investment Program (CIP). I am happy to see this critical part of the Program moving forward which will allow us to invest in West Baltimore for the communities along the Program alignment. We are active members in the local community, volunteering often. We will continue working with partner organizations in the area to bring this to fruition.

We are working hard to expand our active presence in the community, providing a firsthand look at the extraordinary work underway.

Luigi Rosa, Amtrak Assistant Vice President  
Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program



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## Recent Public Meeting Recap

On March 13, 2024, Amtrak held a Meet the Contractors Public Meeting. At this meeting the Program team introduced key team members from the awarded construction contractors to the community. The Kiewit – Shea Tunnel Constructors (KSTC) and Clark Construction/Stacy and Witbeck (CSW) teams shared their vision for advancing the Program into and through construction.

### Kiewit – Shea Tunnel Constructors (KSTC)

**Role:** This team will focus on construction of the new Frederick Douglass Tunnel. This includes construction of the underground components, including two bored tunnels designed for electrified passenger trains, mined caverns, cross-passages, and other substructures.

### Clark Construction & Stacy and Witbeck (CSW):

**Role:** This team will focus on the construction of the Program’s southern approach, which includes new tracks, rail infrastructure and support systems, the new ADA-accessible West Baltimore MARC Station and multiple bridge replacements.

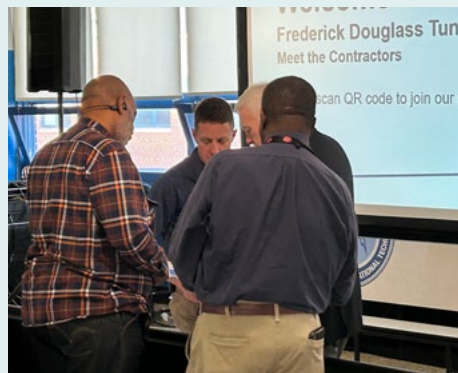
### Demolition Teams: K&K Adams

**Role:** K&K Adams is a Baltimore-based, Minority/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise providing site development, demolition and excavation, environmental/wetlands restoration and development, environmental condition remediation, waste hauling services and more.

### Delaware Cornerstone Builders

**Role:** Delaware Cornerstone Builders is a Maryland-based, minority-owned construction company specializing in demolition, environmental abatement and remediation, trucking, and mechanical insulation.

On May 6 (virtual) and May 8 (in-person) 2024, Amtrak held its latest round of bi-monthly public meetings. During the May meetings, the Program team was able to share information and receive feedback from the community on the design of the north, south and intermediate ventilation facilities.



The presentations for both the March and May bi-monthly meetings are available on the Community Outreach section of the Program website, [Amtrak.com/FDTunnel](https://amtrak.com/FDTunnel).

## Looking Ahead to Construction

Work is underway! Our contractors have started demolition and will begin utility relocation to prepare areas for construction. Construction work will unfold in several stages, with notice given to residents of adjacent communities ahead of various construction activities.

### Property Demolition:

- Installing fencing with screening fabric around each demolition site.
- Mobilizing equipment such as excavators, skid steers, and water nozzles (to aid in reducing dust migration).
- Deconstructing buildings and removing all debris within 2-3 weeks of site preparation.

### Utility Relocations:

- Installing signage to notify communities of potential impacts.
- Mobilizing equipment to support relocating gas, water, and electric utilities.
- Repairing impacted streets, landscaping, and sidewalks once complete.

### Preconstruction Surveys:

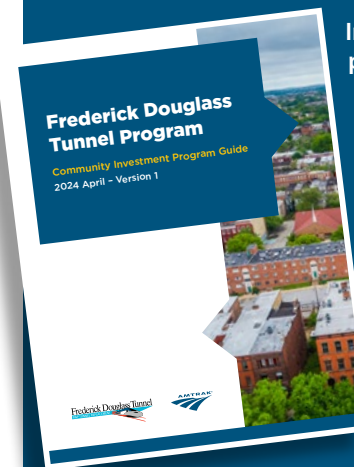
- Requesting permission from property owners within specified areas of tunnel construction to conduct an initial assessment of interior and exterior existing property conditions.
- Documenting existing property conditions, including taking photographs and videos.
- Sharing findings and survey reports with property owners.

### Installation of monitoring equipment:

- Requesting permission from property owners to access property and install vibration monitoring equipment.
- Installing vibration monitoring equipment on the exterior of buildings.
- Removing monitoring equipment following the completion of construction and returning site to original condition.

*Amtrak is committed to completing the construction of the tunnel safely and eliminating or minimizing impacts to existing homes and buildings that are located above or adjacent to our construction. Conducting preconstruction surveys and installing monitoring equipment is our first step to meeting this commitment.*

## New Community Investment Program (CIP) Guide



In April, Amtrak published an informational guide introducing the Community Investment Program (CIP). This document explains what the CIP is and previews how funds will be disbursed from the CIP. When the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) approved the Program’s Preferred Alternative in 2017, it issued a Record of Decision (ROD) outlining mitigation measures. These ROD requirements included \$50 million for the CIP.

Amtrak’s goal is to make investments funded by the CIP that leave a lasting positive economic impact for communities along the Program alignment, as well as increase workforce development, social equity, and opportunities for West Baltimore. It is through these investments that Amtrak strives to honor and uplift the work that is already being done within West Baltimore.

These community grants and direct investments will support projects located within a ¼ mile (½ mile for transportation) of the Program alignment.

### CIP Investment Categories

1. Community Development
2. Workforce Development
3. Parks & Recreation Facilities
4. Community Gardens/Greenspace
5. Transportation/Transit Oriented Projects
6. Historic Preservation

### What’s Next?

- Later this year, Amtrak plans to issue a formal notice of funding opportunity which will allow eligible organizations to apply for community grant awards for projects in West Baltimore that meet the eligibility requirements.
- Amtrak will promote and host community grant application writing workshops to assist eligible organizations with completing applications and gathering supporting documents.
- Interested individuals and organizations are encouraged to visit the new CIP webpage and read the CIP Guide.
- Interested parties should sign up for alerts to receive the latest updates on the CIP.



## Procurement News

Amtrak has awarded its first-ever “Delivery Partner” contract to support the Program. This innovative construction management approach will pair Amtrak’s Capital Delivery department with an experienced private partner that will integrate with the Amtrak team to deliver the Program. The Delivery Partner will provide design oversight, construction, and contract management, as well as administrative support to Amtrak.

The Delivery Partner, called ADVANCE, is a joint venture between major infrastructure firms AECOM and Jacobs. The ADVANCE team has a demonstrated track record managing Delivery Partner and construction contracts for rail tunneling and train station projects around the world and will bring their vast experience to this important Program in Baltimore.

## Amtrak in the Community



Amtrak is dedicated to being a good neighbor and collaborative partner to the communities in West Baltimore. The Program team is always seeking opportunities to attend community events and meetings, and support stewardship opportunities that align with our goals of enhancing, preserving, and protecting communities. Our volunteerism is already off to a great start this year!



Are you interested in having Amtrak and our contractors join you at an upcoming event in your community?

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