

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

ON TRACK

B&P Tunnel Replacement Program



Letter from Program Leadership

As we enter a new season of progress, I'm pleased to share a brief update on construction activities, upcoming milestones, and our continued partnership with West Baltimore communities. Your engagement remains essential as we advance this once-in-a-generation investment in safer, modern, and more reliable rail service.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Our team continues to make steady progress across the corridor, including:

- **Utility Relocations:** Crews are advancing critical relocations to support future tunnel and surface construction.
- **Utility Siphon Tunnel:** Excavation of the new siphon tunnel is now complete—a major milestone that strengthens long-term utility resilience.

- **W Mulberry Street Bridge:** Demolition and reconstruction are underway to replace aging infrastructure with a safer, modern bridge.

While we are slated to ramp up construction activities in the coming weeks, we recognize that construction can be disruptive and appreciate your patience as we deliver these crucial infrastructure improvements.

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WEST BALTIMORE MARC STATION



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COMMUNITY SUPPORT & HISTORIC PRESERVATION

This quarter, we released the Notices of Funding Opportunity for both the Community Investment Program (CIP) Community Grants and the Historic Preservation Grant Fund Administrator. These programs will empower neighborhood-driven projects and help preserve the cultural heritage of West Baltimore. Thank you to everyone who has registered to attend our information sessions—we look forward to reviewing your proposals.

INSPIRING FUTURE BUILDERS

Finally, we were proud to host students from the Construction Trades Workforce Initiative for an on-site visit this spring. Their enthusiasm underscores our commitment to supporting local workforce development and creating pathways to family-sustaining careers in the skilled trades.

On behalf of the entire team, thank you for your trust, patience, and partnership. We look forward to continuing this work together in the months and years ahead.

Warm regards,
Luigi Rosa, Amtrak Assistant Vice President

Investing in the Next Generation of Builders

We recently had the pleasure of welcoming students from the Construction Trades Workforce Initiative (CTWI) for a tour of the Program's construction site. The students were able to see how the trades they're studying can be applied on a real project. We're dedicated to empowering the next generation of construction professionals through our ongoing workforce development initiatives. To learn more about these efforts, please visit bit.ly/bptworkwithamtrak



Construction in Action: Recent Program Highlights

Before the start of tunnel construction, the utilities that support vital city infrastructure – water, sewer, storm, electric, gas, and telecommunications – must be relocated. One major element of the utility relocation includes the construction of a tunnel that will carry utilities beneath the Northeast Corridor railroad tracks. The utility work has been ongoing since 2024, has spanned several West Baltimore neighborhoods, and continues to impact travel on several City streets including:

- N Payson St
- N Pulaski St
- W Franklin St
- N Brice St
- Harlem Ave
- Lafayette Ave
- Rayner Ave
- W Mulberry St
- McMechen St



UTILITY INSTALLATIONS ON MCMECHEN STREET



WATER LINE INSTALLATION ON RAYNER AVENUE



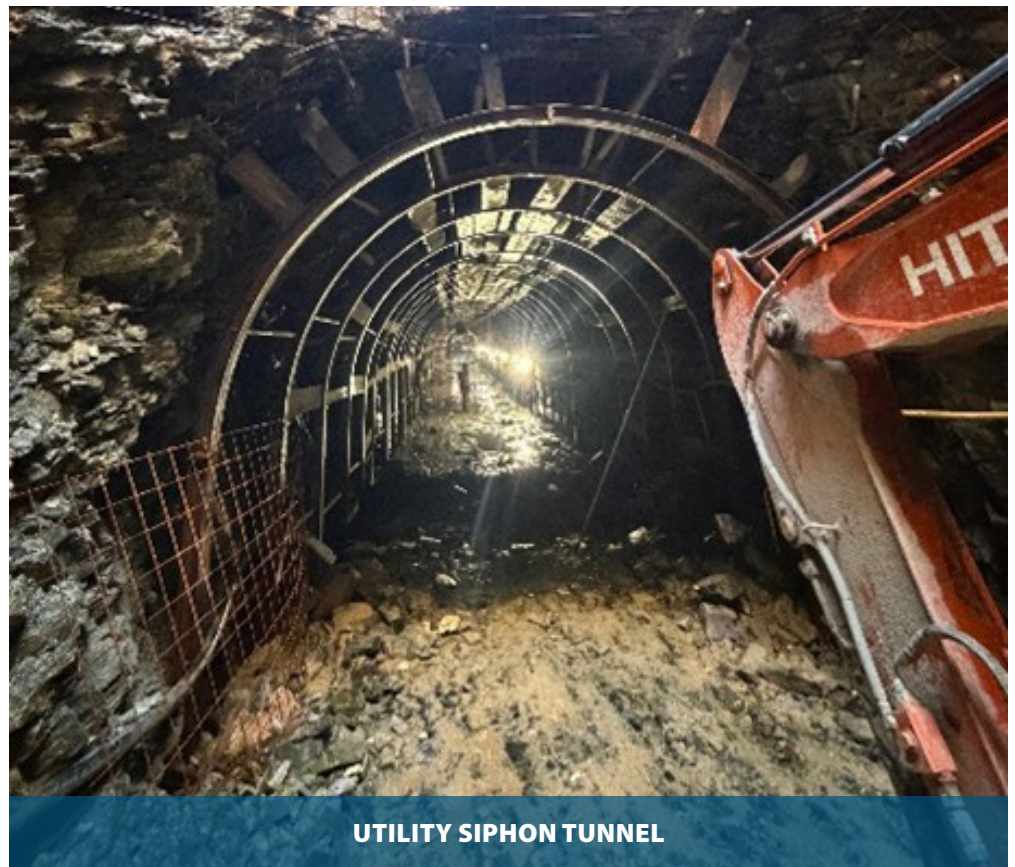
CONSTRUCTION SITE ON N PAYSON STREET

UTILITY SIPHON TUNNEL BREAK THROUGH

Last month, crews “broke through” the final rock pillar separating both sides of this utility tunnel, marking a significant milestone for the Program. Crews have now begun installing the waterline, one of several City utilities that will pass through the completed utility tunnel.

W MULBERRY STREET BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION

Crews have started work on a new bridge that will carry passenger trains over W Mulberry Street. This work is a critical step toward constructing the new West Baltimore MARC Station, which will shift approximately 100 feet west (closer to Warwick) of its current location.



UTILITY SIPHON TUNNEL



NEW FOUNDATION FOR W MULBERRY STREET

Upcoming Construction Activities

NEW CONSTRUCTION AREA

In the coming weeks, construction will start adjacent to the future south portal (where trains will enter and exit the future Frederick Douglass Tunnel). Contractors will begin establishing new work areas on Bentalou Street and on the 1800 block of Laurens Street, between N Fulton Avenue and N Monroe Street. We will share more information on this work as it continues.

Supporting Your Vision: Apply for Community Grant Funds

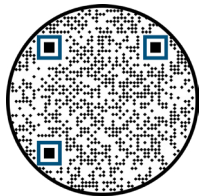
Amtrak's \$50 million Community Investment Program (CIP) is moving full steam ahead! The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) has been posted, and the application period is now open for submission of applications from eligible entities. For more details on the CIP funding process, eligibility requirements, and materials needed to submit complete grant applications, visit bptunnel.com.

Organizations should visit the Program website to determine **eligibility** to apply for funds.

CONSIDER ATTENDING A CIP- COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION SESSION*

Interested organizations are encouraged to attend an information session to get answers to technical questions related to application submissions and to gain clarity on the application process. We held our first information session virtually on March 23rd followed by an in-person session on March 25th. If you missed these sessions, you still have time to join our third and final session on Saturday, April 11th at 10 a.m. at Coppin State University. You may also watch a recording of the virtual session on the Program website at any time.

***Due to limited space, please send no more than two representatives to this session**



Saturday, April 11, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Coppin State University Science and Tech
Center, Lecture Hall 120
2500 W North Avenue,
Baltimore MD 21216**

*Parking available in lots C and CS using the
entrance on North Avenue.*

Historic Preservation Grant Fund Administrator Search

As part of the \$50 million CIP, Amtrak has committed to also create a \$2.75 million Historic Preservation Grant Fund (Fund) to support individuals, organizations, and private developers interested in pursuing exterior stabilization, restoration, and rehabilitation projects for certain historic properties in West Baltimore.

To lead this effort, we are seeking a **Historic Preservation Grant Fund Administrator** to manage the funds, future public application processes, and all other activities relating to the administration of the Fund. This Fund has been specifically earmarked for improvements in the Midtown Edmondson and Edmondson Avenue Historic Districts. **Interested applicants outside of these historic districts may apply for CIP-Community Grant funds to support an eligible project. We look forward to launching the Fund in the future, once an Administrator has been selected.**

Attend the VIRTUAL Fund Administrator information session to learn more about the Administrator application process:

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

VIRTUAL MEETING

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



*For more information, visit the Fund Administrator
webpage at BPTunnel.com*

<https://bit.ly/HPGFAWEBPAGE>

**ALL GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE BY 5:00 P.M.
ON MAY 22, 2026. ALL ADMINISTRATOR
APPLICATIONS DUE BY 5:00 P.M. ON MAY 08, 2026!**

All applicants must register for the **Amtrak Grants Portal** and be an active registrant in the **SAM.gov** database to submit an application. Register early in both portals to expedite final application submissions as the account verification process can take several weeks.

For next steps, read the [Application Quick Start Guide](#) available on the CIP webpage at bptunnel.com.

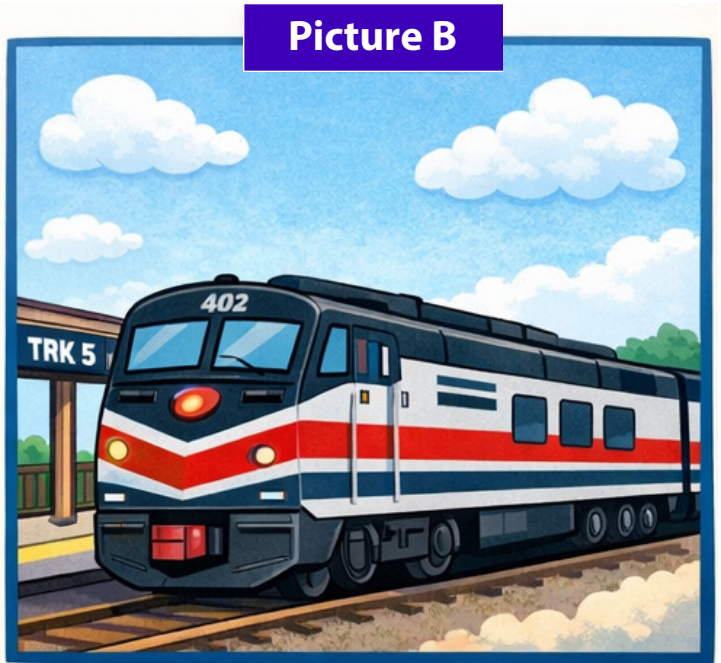
For questions about the application process, email cip.bptunnel@amtrak.com.

KIDS' CORNER

Can you spot the differences? Test your detective skills and see if you can find them all!



Picture A



Picture B

Picture B differences: sun is missing; tree is missing; side windows of train are darker; blue stripe along the side is darker; lights on the front of train are red; train number is 402; track sign is spelled incorrectly; cloud is different above track sign

Stay Connected

We want it to be easy for you to stay aware of Program activities and events. Scan the QR code to see a list of ways to stay connected to useful Program resources.



Opt-in for Text Messages

Opt-in for construction and/or traffic notifications by texting one of the following keywords to (833) 917-3749.

- Text **BPTNorth** – for updates about work occurring north of North Avenue
- Text **BPTSouth** – for updates about work occurring south of North Avenue
- Text **BPTConstruct** – for all construction updates on the Program
- Text **BPTTraffic** – for all traffic updates on the Program

Add BPTunnel@amtrak.com to your list of trusted senders to ensure you receive important updates.

