

# Welcome Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program Virtual Open House

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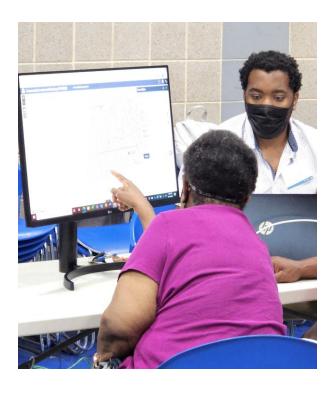




## **Purpose of Tonight's Meeting**

- Provide an overview of Frederick Douglass Tunnel (FDT) Program
- Share updates on construction activities
- **Discuss community investment initiatives**
- Solicit input from the public on the Program









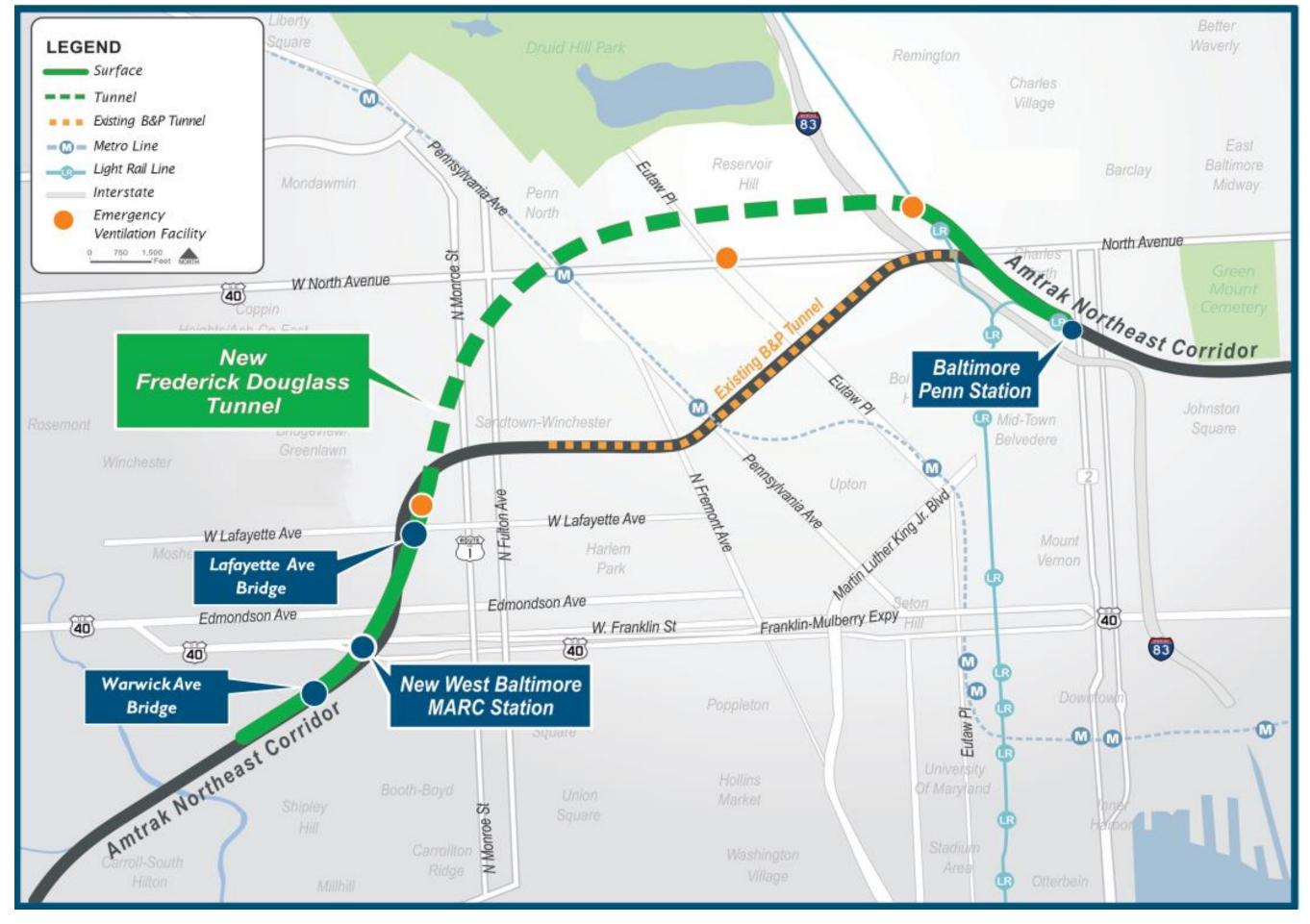
## **Program Overview**

### The Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program will modernize a key section of the Northeast Corridor (NEC)

- 10 miles of rail improvements along the NEC
- ~2 miles of new tunnel per bore in West Baltimore (two tunnel bores)
- New and improved railroad infrastructure
- New ADA-accessible West Baltimore MARC Station
- All electric passenger trains through new tunnel tubes
- State-of-the-art modern fire/life safety systems
- 5 Bridge replacements in Baltimore City (2 roadway, 3 railroad bridges)
- 11 Baltimore City roadway modifications
- Noise barriers in Midtown Edmondson and Greater Rosemont communities







Frederick Douglass Tunnel





## **Program Benefits**



\$50 million for COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS



Local jobs centers to train the **WORKFORCE** 





### Approximately 20,000 JOBS GENERATED over the course of construction



Construction of a new ADA-ACCESSIBLE West Baltimore MARC STATION





### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

addition of electrified trains and solar powered facilities and stations



ACCESS TO SALVAGE MATERIALS for residents of Midtown Edmondson and Edmondson Avenue Historic Districts





Construction of a **NEW TUNNEL**, named in honor of Frederick Douglass



**IMPROVED TRIP TIME.** Travel from Baltimore to Washington in under 30 minutes





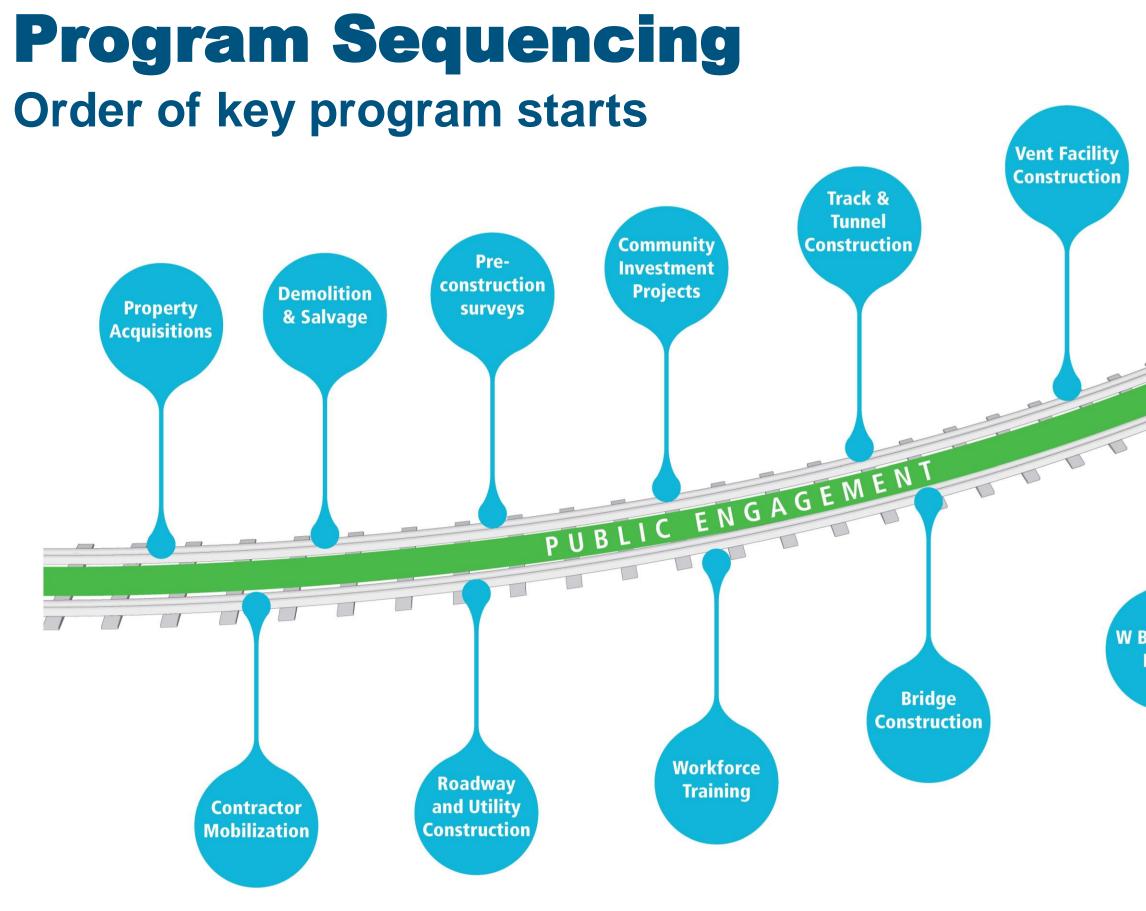
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IMPROVEMENTS to roadway and bridge INFRASTRUCTURE

**RELIABILITY**, **REDUNDANCY** and **RESILIENCY** for MARC and Amtrak trains

Complete MODERNIZATION of Amtrak's NORTHEAST CORRIDOR in West Baltimore





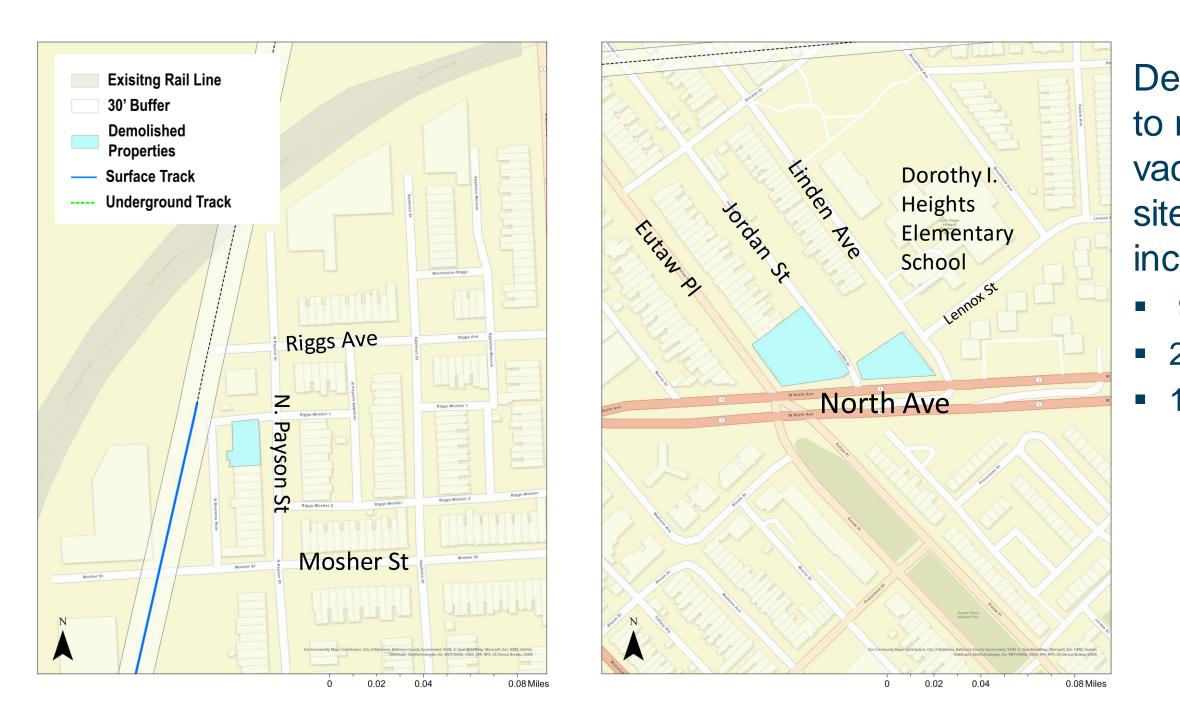
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Program Complete

W Baltimore MARC

## **Upcoming Demolition Activities**





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Demolition is slated to start to reduce the number of vacant properties. Early sites being removed include:
900 W North Ave
2000 Linden Ave
1000 blk N Payson St

### **Deconstruct and Salvage**

The Programmatic Agreement (PA) requires Amtrak to make materials salvaged from deconstructed historic buildings available for free to the Midtown Edmondson and Edmondson Avenue Historic districts.

- Salvaged material will be collected, catalogued, and photographed
- Items will be stored in a location accessible to the community
- The full process to request salvaged items will be published on fdtunnel.com









## **Historic Preservation Grant Fund**

This \$2.75M fund is for the exterior stabilization, repair, restoration, and rehabilitation of properties within the Midtown Edmondson and Edmondson **Avenue Historic Districts.** 





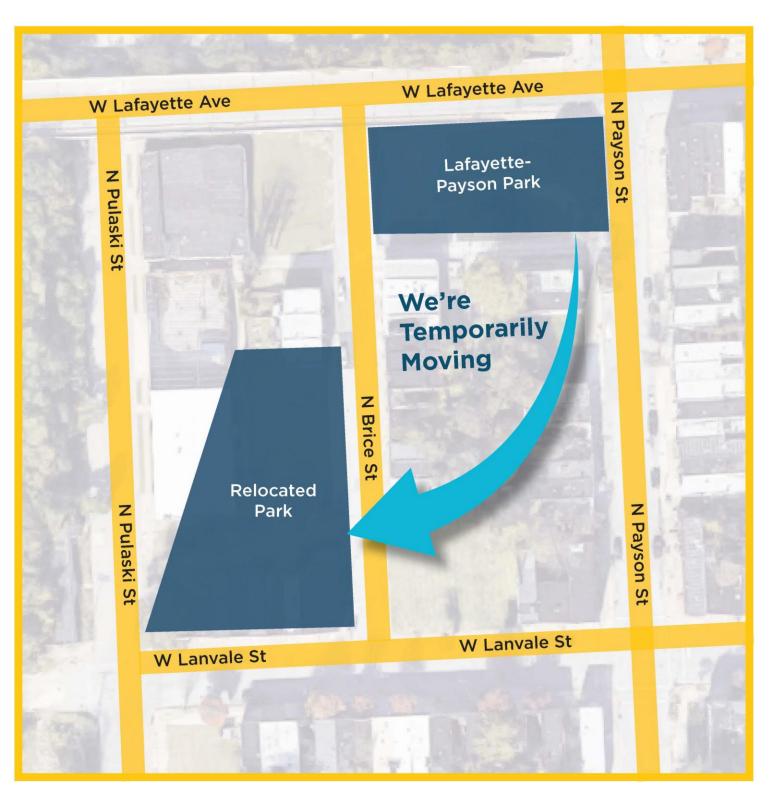


Tier 2 Edmondson Avenue Historic District

### \*Area of Potential Effect

## **Proposed** Lafayette/Payson Park Relocation

- Propose the temporary relocation of the park to the corner of N. Pulaski & W. Lanvale Streets
- Coordinate with Baltimore City Recreation and Parks and adjacent community in coming months





## **Context Sensitive Design Concepts**

Designs being developed incorporate features of historic buildings and the new rail line including:

- Materials (stone, concrete, brick)
- Form
- Scale
- Design
- Color
- Texture

### These will be applied to project elements including:

- Retaining walls
- Noise barriers
- Ventilation facilities
- Fences





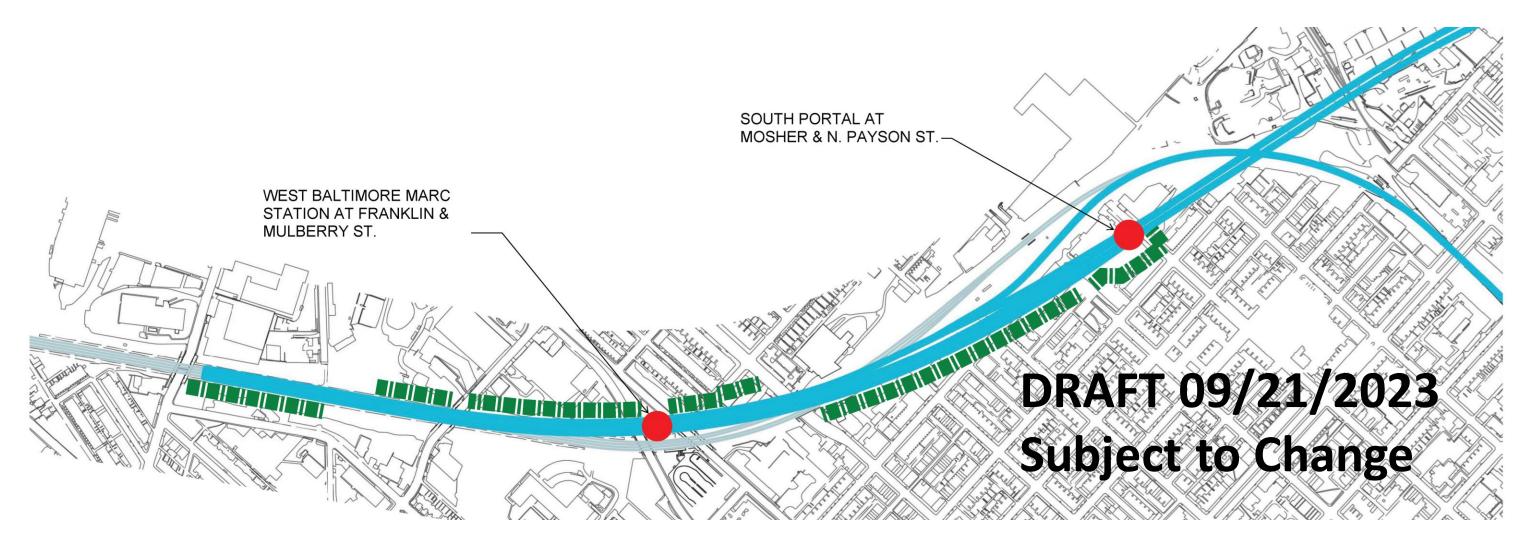
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### New retaining walls aesthetically blend the rail line's historic use of stone and concrete.

## **Noise Barrier Locations**

Noise barriers will be designed to reduce noise experienced at properties adjacent to the rail line. Barriers will be included in the following general areas:

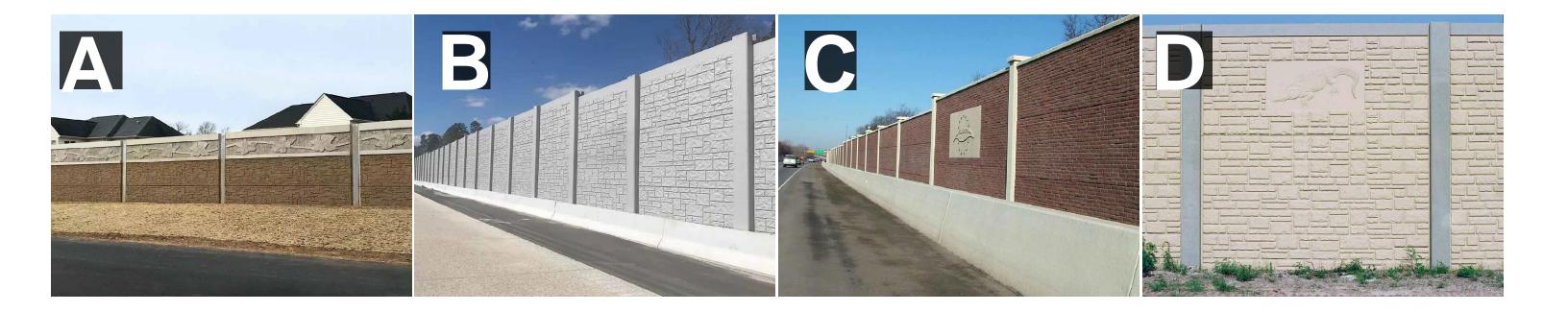


**NOISE BARRIER** NEW TRACK ALIGNMENT



## **Noise Barrier Treatment**

Community members can give comments on the color, decoration, stencil / imprint, mural location, and texture of the noise barriers. Tell us which of the following you prefer.





## **Ventilation Facilities**

Ventilation facilities are an important feature of a tunnel system. In the unlikely event of an emergency, these National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 130) compliant facilities provide safe and efficient evacuation routes between the tunnel and street level.

### Key features of the ventilation facilities include:

- **Emergency lighting**
- Access to the tunnel for the Baltimore City emergency services
- Egress (plenum small tunnel with staircase leading passengers to surface/street level)
- Fire standpipe (fire hydrant connection)
- Ventilation fans circulate fresh air into the tunnel and, in the event of an emergency, extract smoke



### **North Ventilation Facility**





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## **Intermediate Ventilation Facility**









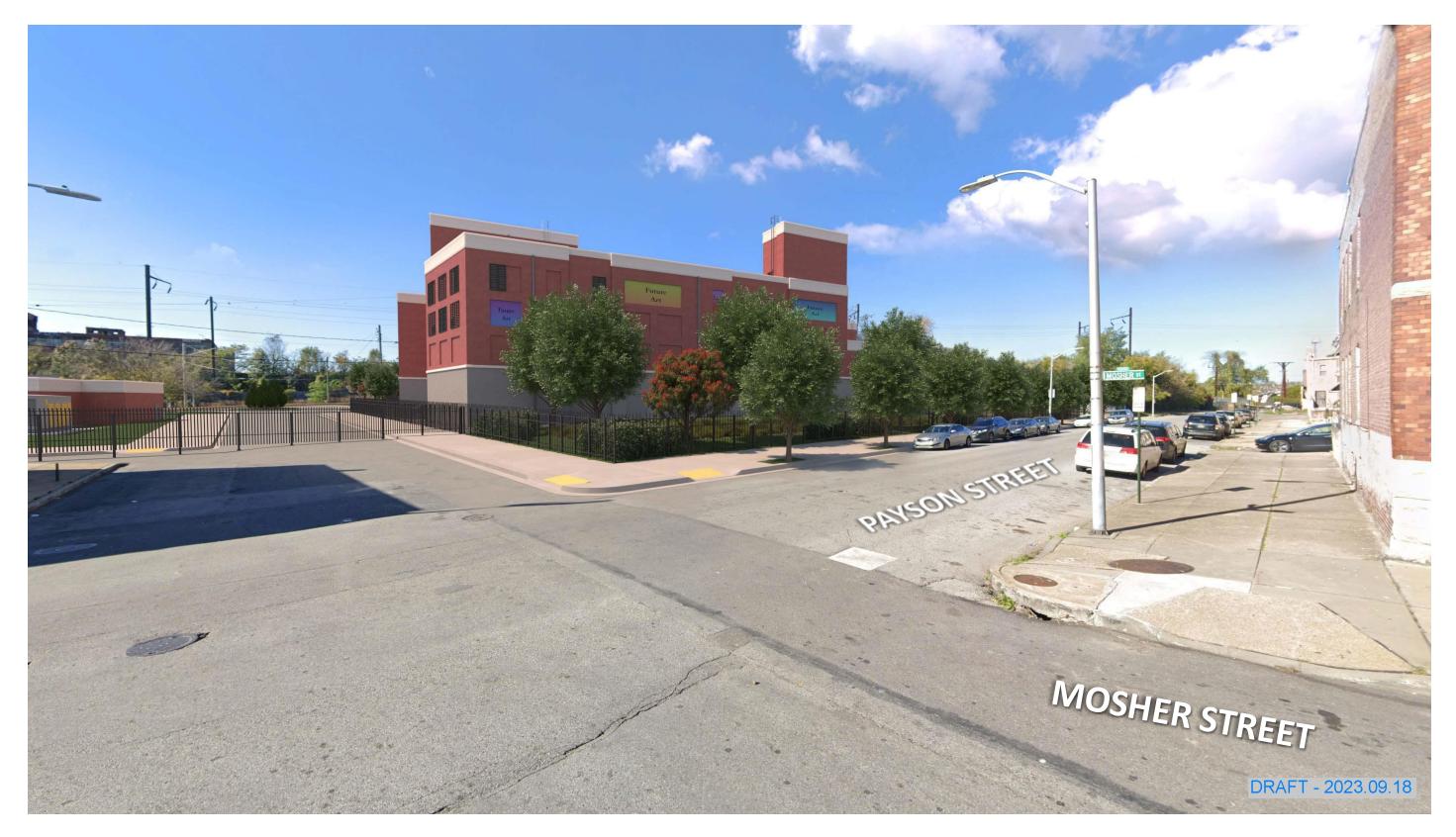
### **Intermediate Ventilation Facility**







### **South Ventilation Facility**



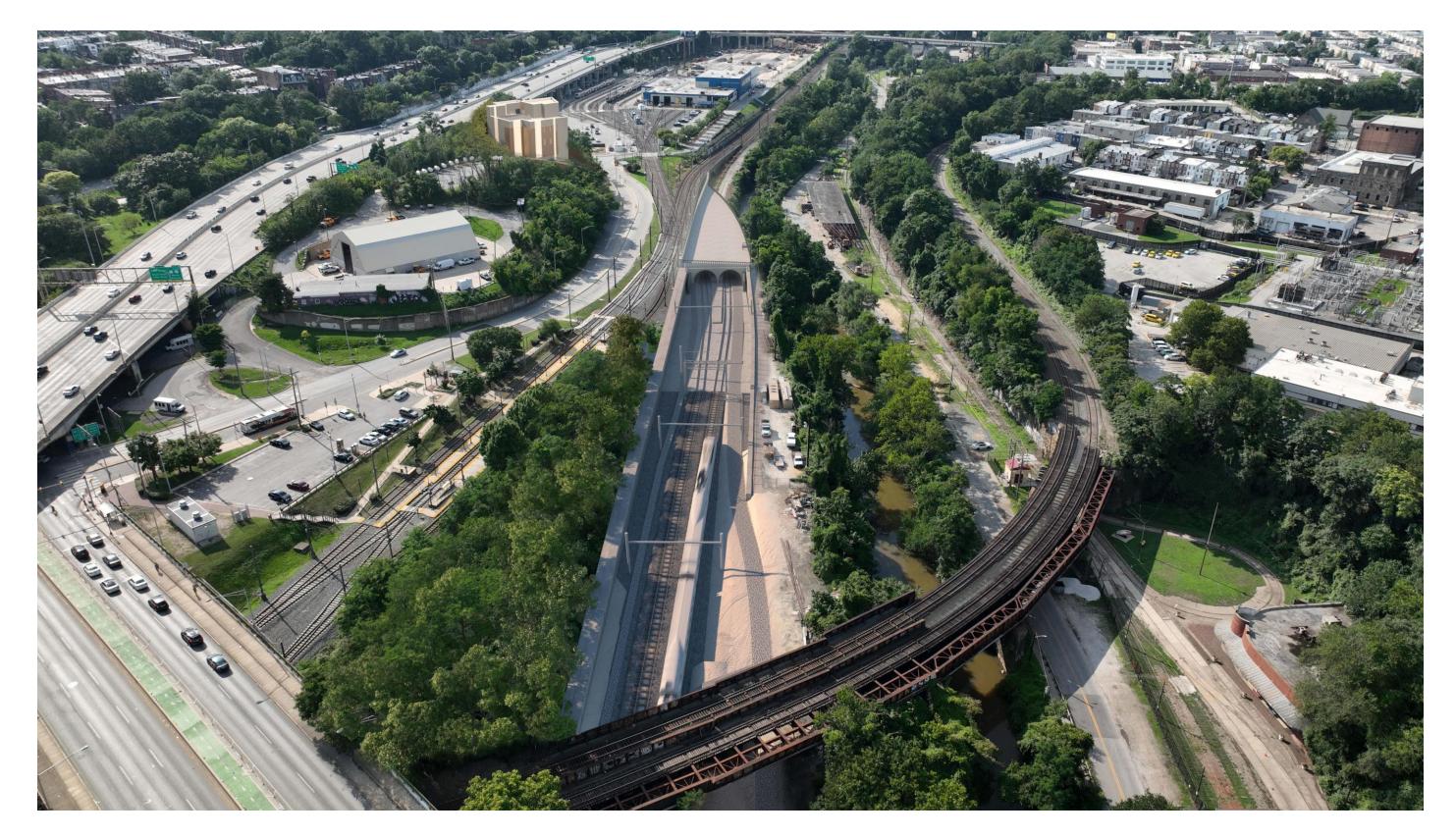


### **South Ventilation Facility**



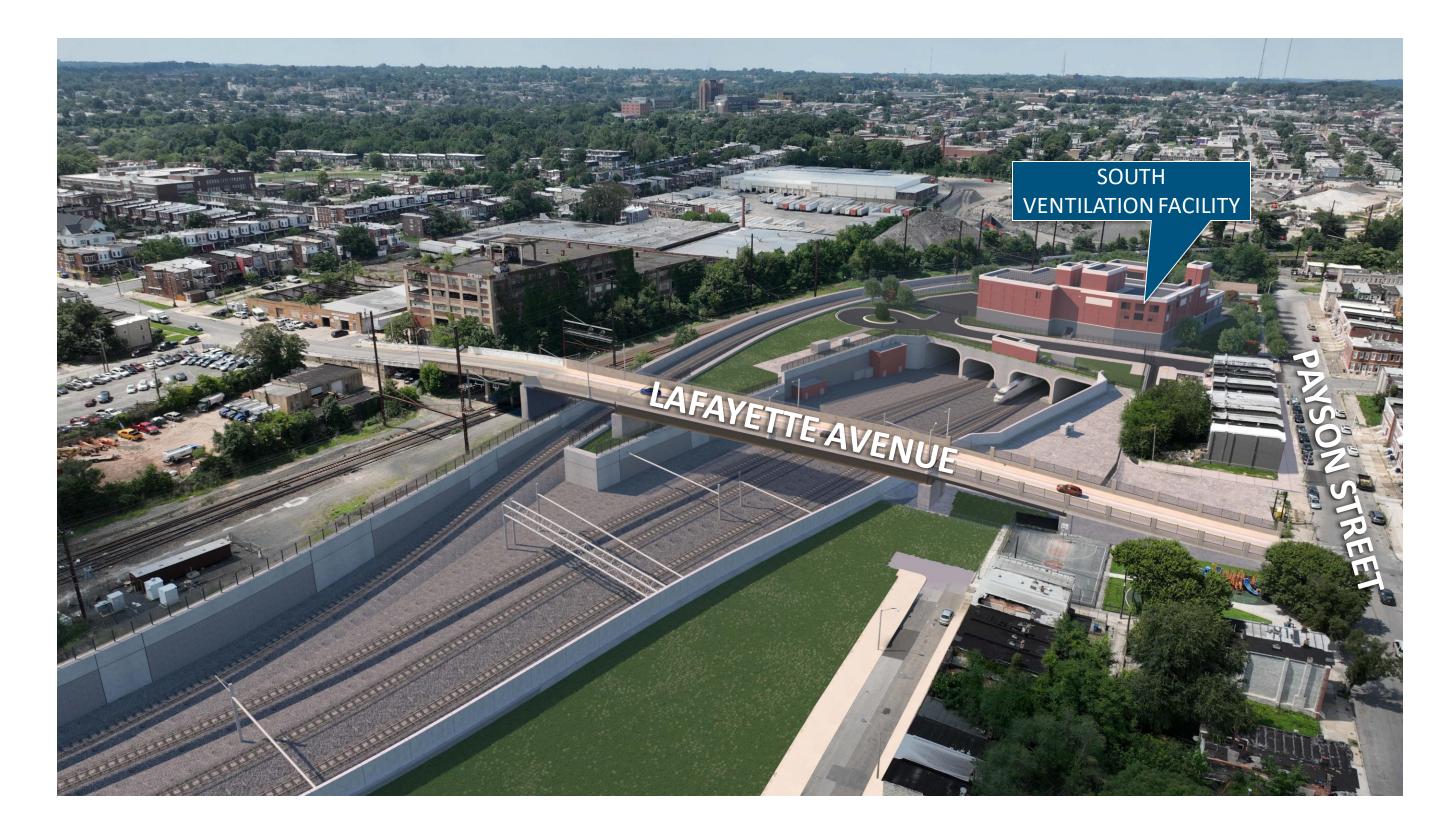


### **North Portal**



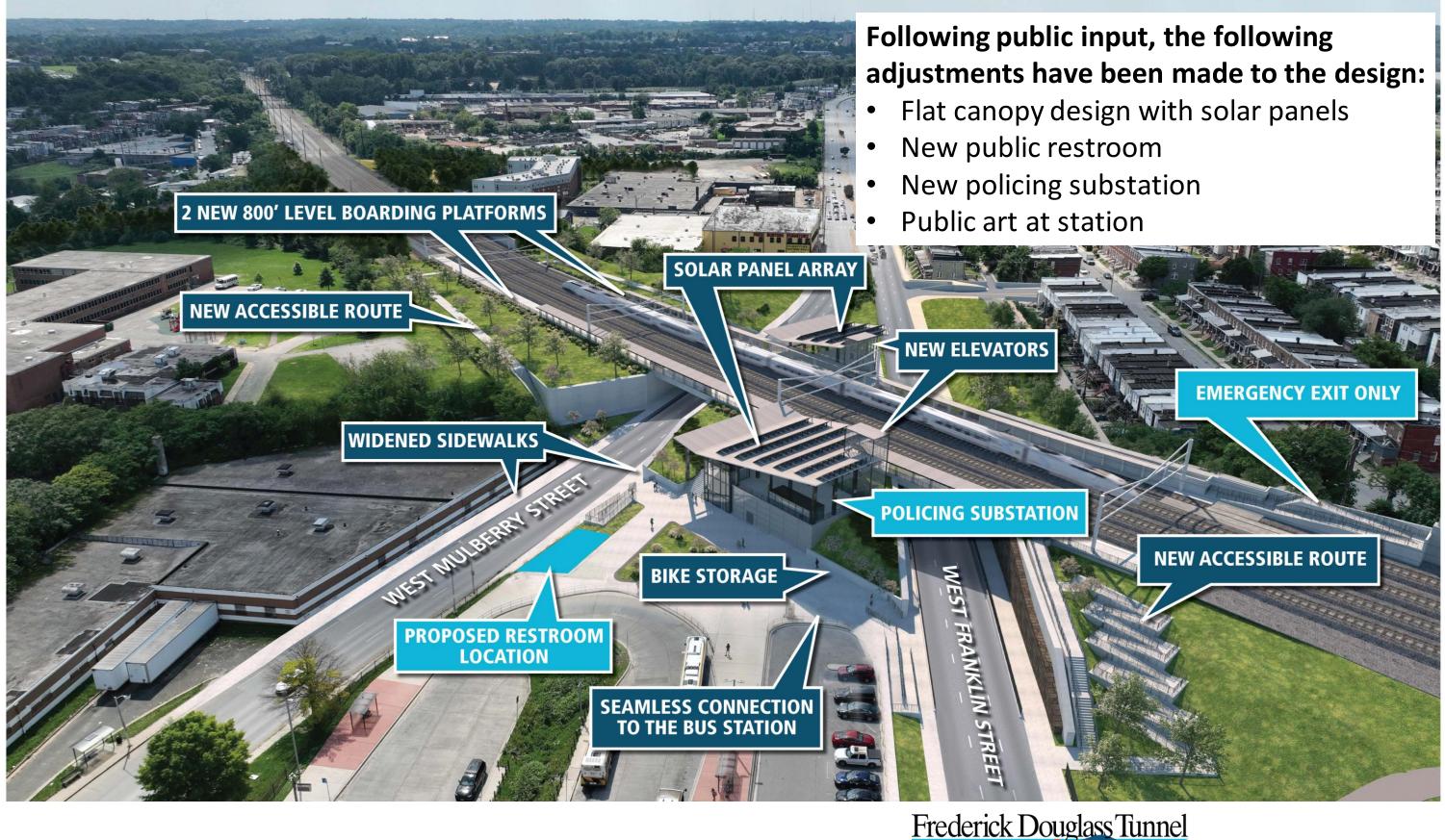


### **South Portal**





## **West Baltimore MARC Station**





## What To Expect in Upcoming Months

As work ramps up on the Program, we will continue to coordinate with the community on several items related to construction activities. Upcoming communications with the community include:

### **Property Demolitions**

- Notification of work to adjacent properties
- Equipment mobilization
- Traffic / Roadway detours

### Lafayette / Payson Park

Community meeting to discuss park options

### **Roadway Modifications**

Meetings with Dorothy I. Height E.S & adjacent communities

### **Coordination with Baltimore City**

- Planning Commission
- CHAP historical treatments
- City Council real estate approvals
- Recreation and Parks Lafayette/Payson Park



## **Community Investment Program Categories**<sup>33</sup>

In March of 2017, a Record of Decision (ROD) was issued by FRA on the preferred alternative for the Frederick Douglass Tunnel (formerly B&P Tunnel) Replacement) Program.

Example
Internships, apprentice
Adult/child services, co
Street beautification
Multi-modal transporta
Vacant lot rehabilitation initiatives
Midtown Edmondson a Avenue Historic Distric

\*Historic preservation projects will be handled through a separate process under a Programmatic Agreement among Amtrak, FRA, and the Maryland Historic Trust (SHPO).

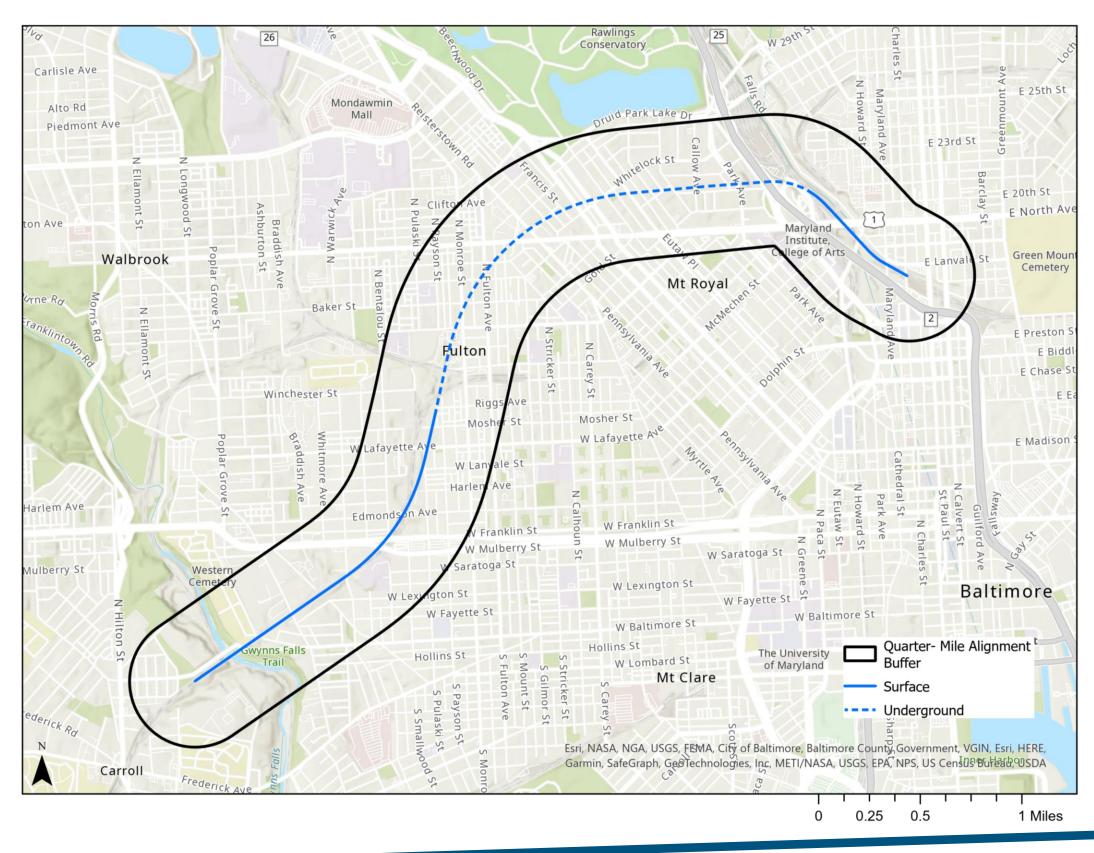
AMTRAK IS DEVELOPING A PROCESS FOR DISBURSING FUNDS





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- and Edmondson cts

### **Community Investment Program Area**





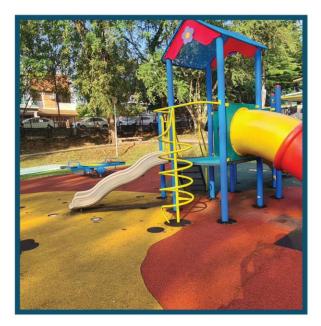


## **Community Investment Program**

Amtrak has committed \$50M for investments in the communities along the program corridor. The major investment categories include:

- Workforce Development
- Community Development
- Greenspace Creation
- Transportation Upgrades











## **Breakout Room Etiquette**

- Each participant will be given an opportunity to visit each room. Please wait until you are rotated into the proper room topic to ask specific technical questions.
- To allow everyone to participate, please use the chat function to submit questions to our team. Once your question is submitted, please raise your hand and our moderator will unmute you to ask your question.
- Please keep questions as succinct as possible so that our technical experts can readily understand the issue. We will limit all questions to 2 minutes.
- We understand that we may not be able to answer all the questions asked this evening. Please use the Comment Card QR code or link to submit any follow up questions.
- To preserve bandwidth for the meeting, please place your microphone on silent and deactivate your camera





# Thank you for joining us. We look forward to working with you on this important project!









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