

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2003

July 22, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

As you know, Governor Larry Hogan cancelled the Red Line in Baltimore. Jurisdictional leaders and advocates for the project are exploring other transit options.

As Chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I included \$100 million for the Red Line in the *Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2015* (Public Law 113-235). I need to know from you if this money can be used for other transit modalities on the Red Line route. If so, what would be necessary for the State of Maryland to do to accomplish this?

This east-west jobs corridor project promised badly needed economic development and jobs for residents of the City of Baltimore and Baltimore County. It would have benefitted our neediest communities in Baltimore, as well as the economic engines anchoring the route: the Social Security Administration in Woodlawn and the Johns Hopkins Bayview campus in East Baltimore.

Decades of regulatory compliance, community outreach and leadership went into advancing this project to the Federal Transit Administration's Capital Investment Grants program. This included your leadership and the expertise of the professionals at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Thank you for your prompt attention to my request. I am very appreciative of all you have done to advance this transit project.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senator