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## PRESS RELEASE

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**Residents of West Baltimore turn out to protest the B&P Tunnel Plan as President Biden visits the city today.**

*Local community group, [Residents Against The Tunnels](http://www.residentsagainstthetunnels.org), and other Baltimore City residents speak out against the dangers of the enormous tunnel project expressing their fears of property damage or destruction, and threats to health, safety, and their lives!*

**1/30/2023**

### **AS PRES. BIDEN VISITS BALTIMORE TO PROMOTE THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TRAIN TUNNELS CITY COMMUNITIES PROTEST THE DANGER TO THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS**

Baltimore City residents have deep concerns about the massive tunnel construction project that will damage and threaten existing communities in West Baltimore. ***We are pro-train, pro-progress, pro-city residents, pro-Environmental Justice, and pro-safety BUT we are also Pro-Community***, and our neighborhoods are threatened by the existing tunnel plan. They need to do this RIGHT with much less damage and danger to West Baltimore. We want them to repurpose the existing tunnel, it's an option that their own documents show they did not thoroughly research. It deserves a serious look - by real engineers, not corporations who will profit from the longest, costliest, and most disruptive construction process!

Project leaders are hiding behind misleading PR. They claim the project has been pared down to two electric tunnel tubes for passenger trains, and they downplay freight to the brink of denial. Yet, Amtrak and the MDOT admit - when pushed - that "Freight is inevitable." The two large, additional tubes for double-stacked diesel freight are STILL on the approved project proposal; they can build them whenever they want. The gigantic boring machines used for enormous tunnel construction threaten the many homes that are 100 years old. **"This house is all I have to give my daughter, in an effort to build generational wealth for my family - that didn't have the ability to buy a home. I will be devastated if I lose it."** said Robyn Williams, resident of Reservoir Hill.

**1:30PM, 1/30/2023 – Demonstration** on North Avenue above the B&P Tunnel. North Ave between Charles Street and Mount Royal Ave.

**3:30PM, 1/30/2023 – Rally** outside Penn Station in the plaza by the sculpture.

### **Residents Against The Tunnels**

Residents Against the Tunnels is a coalition of residents and business owners who see the B&P Tunnel project as detrimental and possibility even disastrous to Baltimore and its future. We are all for improved passenger train service, and we understand the need to transport freight to the port of Baltimore, but we think the plan to open a huge new right-of-way for trains right through the middle of the city favors corporate profits over citizen safety and Baltimore's livability and security.

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