

# Alternatives Evaluation Process

- The DEIS contained three Build Alternatives (Alternative 3A, Alternative 3B, Alternative 3C) and a No-Build Alternative (Alternative 1).
- FRA, in coordination with MDOT and Amtrak, revised Alternatives 3A, 3B and 3C to reduce environmental impacts.
- Alternative 3A Revised, Alternative 3B Revised and Alternative 3C Revised were then compared.
  - Alternative 3A Revised does not improve the travel time as well as Alternative 3B Revised and Alternative 3C Revised. Alternative 3A could not be revised to improve the curve at the West Baltimore MARC Station and therefore does not improve the travel time as much as Revised Alternatives 3B and 3C. Alternative 3A Revised also does not provide a solution to the lack of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - accessibility at the West Baltimore MARC Station.
  - Comparing Alternative 3B Revised and Alternative 3C Revised, their benefits were equal, but Alternative 3C Revised had greater impacts.
- As a result of the evaluation, Alternative 3B Revised is still under consideration.