

**BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
RESOLUTION #07-15**

**ADOPTION OF UPDATED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR TRANSPORTATION  
PLANNING ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN  
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, consisting of the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore, the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard, and the Maryland Departments of Transportation, Environment and Planning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users directs metropolitan planning organizations to develop a proactive public participation process that provides for the timely input by the region's citizenry in the deliberation of transportation decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Metropolitan Planning Organization, with input and guidance from the Citizen Advisory Committee and in consultation with public and private sector stakeholders, has updated the Public Participation Plan for enhancing public involvement in the transportation planning process which includes educating the public on various regional transportation issues and priorities and providing adequate, appropriate, and meaningful opportunities for public participation in decisions regarding the same; and

**WHEREAS**, the fundamental objective of the public involvement program is to ensure that the concerns of everyone with a stake in transportation decisions are identified and an opportunity is presented to provide input prior to the development of the policies, programs, and projects being proposed through the Baltimore Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board intends to govern all future public participation activities based on the plan and procedures adopted through this resolution, until such time that they may be amended; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the updated Public Participation Plan as the formal process which meets the spirit of federal regulations and the expectations of the general public of the Baltimore region.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the aforementioned resolution at its January 23, 2007 meeting.

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Date

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Harvey Gold, Chairman  
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board