

**Resolution on Amending Transportation 2035 Plan
from the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
to the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB)**

WHEREAS (a) in public comment opportunities regarding TO2035 there was widespread opposition by citizens, organizations, and the Citizen Advisory Committee to the insufficient funding allocated to transit in the long-range plan and to the inadequate planning for public transit lines necessary to future sustainability of the region; and

WHEREAS (b) the final Executive Summary of Transportation Outlook 2035 (TO2035) states "Should the General Assembly approve a revenue enhancement strategy, the BRTB will examine the project mix of Outlook 2035"; and

WHEREAS (c) the BRTB meeting minutes of November 27, 2007 document that in discussion prior to the vote on TO2035, Baltimore City reluctantly voted to support only after Mr. Balsler confirmed that the BRTB was committed to revisit the plan after an estimate of additional dollars to be provided by the State to support system expansion was known; and

WHEREAS (d) there was discussion of the TO2035 Amendment Process at the BRTB/TC RETREAT on January 10, 2008 and BMC staff presented options regarding amending TO2035 that included the option "Amend only to include new money" that would determine projects for consideration, including new projects; and

WHEREAS (e) the minutes of the BRTB meeting of January 22, 2008 state "The BRTB will await a clear understanding of the amount of additional funds available from the revenue increase before determining next steps" ---

NOW THEREFORE Be it resolved that, if the BRTB chooses to Amend TO2035 only to include new money, that all new funding recommendations not specifically dedicated to system preservation that become available during the period that TO2035 is in effect shall be dedicated to funding transit planning and/or transit-focused projects.

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**Resolution for an Immediate Transportation 2040 Plan
from the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
to the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB)**

WHEREAS (a) Governor Martin O'Malley has stated that "The climate crisis is real and while it threatens our shorelines today, its causes and symptoms threaten life on our planet in the generations ahead unless we act."; and

WHEREAS (b) on April 20, 2007, Governor Martin O'Malley signed Executive Order 01.01.2007.07 (the Order) establishing the Maryland Commission on Climate Change (the Commission); and

WHEREAS (c) Transportation Outlook 2035 (TO2035) which was approved in November 2007 by the BRTB does not consider the implications of climate change and the need for the TO2035 plan to be in conformity with the Commission's Climate Action Plan Interim Report; and

WHEREAS (d) the Commission feels strongly that Maryland's Greenhouse Gas Emission reduction goals need to be very aggressive to both do our fair share and to demonstrate leadership; and

WHEREAS (e) the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) of the BRTB is concerned that there needs to be greater outreach to the public to develop a vision and framework for a comprehensive multi-modal regional transportation system; and

WHEREAS (f) the CAC believes that transportation planning must be coordinated with land use planning to a much greater degree in order to reduce the carbon footprint of the region; and

WHEREAS (g) the CAC wishes to proceed in the spirit of Option #3 of the "Options to Amend Transportation Outlook 2035" which were presented by BMC staff to the BRTB at the January 2008 retreat, and therefore "consider all money and an updated process" for long-range transportation planning in the Baltimore Metro Region ---

NOW THEREFORE Be it resolved:

1. That work begin immediately on a Transportation Outlook 2040 (TO2040) long range plan with a goal of completion in 2 ½ years;
2. That the TO2040 Plan must be in conformance with the State's timetables and benchmarks for reducing Maryland's GHG emissions;
3. That creating the TO2040 plan should include a comprehensive community planning process to develop a vision, framework and priorities;
4. That the TO2040 plan must achieve a balance between regional transportation planning and local land use decisions; and
5. That the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for the Baltimore Region be brought into conformance with the TO2040 long-range planning process (as required by Federal law) and be modified as necessary to achieve such conformance.

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Resolution on Public Participation from the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
to the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB)
and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)

WHEREAS the CAC resolves and declares its intention to greatly increase the amount and effectiveness of public participation in transportation planning in the Baltimore metropolitan region,

NOW THEREFORE, the CAC requests the BRTB and the BMC to open up the public participation process in transportation planning to include the following:

- a) the CAC and members of the general public are treated and taken seriously as full partners with the BRTB and BMC throughout the planning process, and not just be invited (as in the past) only to attend special meetings held for the public, or to make public comment after a plan has been drafted; and
- b) as needed, technical training will be provided for the CAC and members of the general public involved in such planning; and
- c) the CAC and members of the general public will be invited to work side-by-side with the BRTB and BMC and their consultants during normal work hours at the BMC offices or other offices where such planning is taking place; and
- d) sufficient time will be allocated in which to conduct these planning activities; and
- e) a high standard of public communication will be met in the language and graphics used in plan documents; and
- f) suggestions and reactions by the CAC and members of the general public will be solicited, documented, considered, and fully responded to by the BRTB and BMC; and
- g) all resources used by or made available to the BRTB and BMC will automatically and immediately also be made available to the CAC and members of the general public; and
- h) all deliberations by the BRTB and BMC undertaken as part of this transportation planning process shall be conducted openly and transparently, and the proceedings shall be recorded in detail; and
- i) all planning meetings (including phone conferences) shall be open to attendance by the CAC and members of the general public, and records and notes of such meetings readily available for public inspection (without the need for a Public Information Act request).

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BRTB CAC Comment on the First Draft of the 2009-2012 TIP

Adopted on 7 May 2008

Resolved, that the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, after a preliminary analysis of the First Draft of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for 2009-2012, believes that the draft does not reflect the strong public interest in transit programs and urges the board to seriously consider increasing the percentage of transit funding in the Final Draft of the 2009-2012 TIP; and

Resolved, that the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board believes that there are synergies that could arise by combining transit and road improvement programs and projects where possible in the 2009-2012 TIP.

