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MEMORANDUM

TO: BRTB Members

FROM: Harvey S. Bloom

DATE: April 14, 2009

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #7 – Resolution #09-19 – Transportation Enhancement Program Projects

ACTION: Approval

Attached is Resolution #09-19, endorsing the recommendations for applications to the State Highway Administration for federal assistance through the Transportation Enhancement Program. The BRTB will be asked to approve this resolution at the April 28, 2009 meeting.

Attachment

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #09-19**

**RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE EIGHT APPLICATIONS TO STATE HIGHWAY
ADMINISTRATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE
TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, encompassing the Baltimore Urbanized Area, and includes official representatives of the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore, the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard, and the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of the Environment, and the Maryland Department of Planning; and

WHEREAS, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act established a defined set of eligible categories and provided a set-aside of funds within the Surface Transportation Program, and these categories have been continued through the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy For Users; and

WHEREAS, the enhancements program is considered the most apparent effort to fund and encourage projects that foster the view that transportation is an integral part of communities and therefore eligible recipients include state, local and non-profit entities.

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region has approved criteria to review the 12 federally eligible categories of projects identified for transportation enhancement funds. The twelve categories include: 1) provision of pedestrian and bicycle facilities; 2) provision of pedestrian and bicycle safety and education activities; 3) acquisition of scenic or historic easements and sites; 4) scenic or historic highway programs including tourist and welcome centers; 5) landscaping and scenic beautification; 6) historic preservation; 7) rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities; 8) conversion of abandoned railway corridors to trails; 9) control and removal of outdoor advertising; 10) archaeological planning and research; 11) environmental mitigation of highway runoff pollution, reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality, maintain habitat connectivity; 12) establishment of transportation museums; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Enhancement Program applications for the Baltimore region have been reviewed per criteria approved by the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (see Attachment 1); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region

has reviewed, and endorses as eligible, five applications that will be submitted to the State Highway Administration for consideration of funds under 23 U.S.C. 101(a)(35) funding.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region approved the aforementioned resolution at its April 28, 2009 meeting.

Date

Carl Balsler, Chairman
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

2009 TEP Projects Submitted for the Baltimore Region

Projects in the Baltimore Region	Sponsor	Meet BRTB Criteria	TEP Request	Total Cost
smartbike	Annapolis	Y	\$97,520	\$195,400
Citywide Mural Project	Baltimore City	Y	\$166,500	\$370,000
Fells Point Comfort Station Renovation	Baltimore City	Y	\$100,000	\$670,000
Jones Falls Trail Phase V (revised)	Baltimore City	Y	\$4,050,000	\$8,100,000
Masonville Cove Pedestrian Access	Baltimore City	Y	\$750,000	\$1,300,000
Community-based Historic Preservation in the Red Line Corridor's African-American Communities	Baltimore City	Y	\$112,500	\$225,000
USS Constellation Education and Heritage Center	Baltimore City	Y	\$1,019,132	\$4,098,264
Westminster High School Stormwater Management Facility	Carroll County	Y	\$428,527	\$857,054
Regionwide	8 Requests		\$6,724,179	\$15,815,718

Approved BRTB Criteria:

The criteria selected by the BRTB mirror the goals and objectives as detailed in the long range plan. In addition to developing applicable criteria, the BRTB chose to weight the criteria for use when available funding is less than eligible applications.

- Compliments/Enhances Existing Transportation Investment
- Promotes Use of Alternative Transportation Modes
- Empowered BRTB Representative Support
- Environmental Enhancement
- Potential Economic Benefits