

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE
AMENDMENTS TO THE BALTIMORE REGION FY 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
BY THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
OF THE BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD (BRTB)**

WHEREAS, the BRTB, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region responsible for transportation planning and policy making for the Baltimore region, has prepared the proposed amendments to the 2011 – 2014 TIP and requested comment on its content from the CAC; and

WHEREAS, the CAC Serves as an advisory body to the BRTB, charged with providing independent, region-oriented citizen advice to the BRTB on issues related to the development of the Baltimore Regional Transportation Plan (BRTP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and amendments that affect the region’s conformity with federal air quality requirements, the public involvement process, regionally significant land use issues, and other regional transportation-related issues, as appropriate, promotes public awareness and participation in the regional transportation planning process and promotes equity in the regional transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the CAC has reviewed the FY 2011 – 2014 TIP Amendment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the following comments pertaining to the amendments to the 2011 – 2014 TIP are hereby submitted by the CAC to the BRTB for consideration of incorporation into the projects:

TIP # 61-0605-41 MD 175 improvements MD 295-MD 170

The CAC endorses the proposed TIP amendment conditional on the following provisions applicable to all proposed options:

1. Revise the proposed 5-foot wide walkway to 8-feet on the north side of the road to accommodate both bicycles and pedestrians.
2. Separate sidewalks horizontally from roadway by at least 6-feet where practicable
3. Where pedestrians and cyclists are to be combined, provide pavement markings and signage to guide the separation of uses and to minimize conflicts.
4. Provide marked crosswalks with signage for pedestrians and motorists at intersections
5. Alternate 2A ids the preferred option
6. Of the new lanes added, one in each direction shall be designated for use by HOV and MTA only
7. Justification;
 - a. Greater detail is required (e.g. current counts, projected counts,
 - b. Describe anticipated impacts to MD 295, I 95 and MD 170
 - c. Describe the potential impacts to communities impacted by the proposed improvements.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the CAC thanks the BRTB for this opportunity to participate through this opportunity to comment on the BRTB TIP Amendments. The CAC thanks the BRTB staff for facilitating our participation.

Submitted by;

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Chair, Policy and Legislation Sub Committee

Minority Comments:

- Personally I not sure that the current levels of congestion justify a HOV lane, but since we could not have meeting to discuss this I am willing to support the overall recommendation.
- Contact neighborhoods and elected officials of areas where the affected project improvements will be occurring.