

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING
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 and discussed the FY 2011-2014 TIP Amendments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the following advisory 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 # 46-1101-05 ‘Moving Howard County Forward’; Howard County Electric Bus Project

The CAC endorses the proposed TIP amendment conditional on the following provisions:

1. Cost benefit analysis of first and life cycle costs of electric versus natural gas powered buses and their required support infrastructure shall be conducted.
2. Equipment considered for purchase and operation shall become the standard for equipment of this type for future purchases.
3. The CAC is concerned about the first and life-cycle costs associated with this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the advice and recommendations regarding these TIP Amendments are approved by the Policy and Legislation Subcommittee and the BRTB Citizen Advisory Committee.

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.

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Vice-Chair, BRTB Citizen Advisory Committee
Chair, Policy and Legislation Subcommittee

Comments from CAC members during e-vote:

- As this is a pilot or prototype project, the vehicle costs are expected to be higher than if vehicles are mass produced, so life-cycle costs of this single project should not be sole factor.
- I would have preferred to have the cost analysis expanded to include hybrid and adiesel (or clean diesel) buses as well.