

Cleaner & Greener Baltimore

MTA Buses & Bus Maintenance Facilities

The Maryland Department of Transportation, on behalf of the Maryland Transit Administration, is requesting to amend the Transportation Improvement Program for three projects in Baltimore City.

All of these projects strive to be “Cleaner and Greener” by making improvements such as increasing energy efficiency of maintenance facilities and reducing vehicle emissions. The \$15.1 million in funding comes from federal grants.

Comments from the public are welcome through Tuesday, January 18, 2011.

Bush Street Maintenance Shop (1300 Bush Street)

\$12 million grant to replace the existing 103-year old bus maintenance facility with a new “Green” environmentally friendly facility. This improvement would increase the capacity for the MTA to perform major maintenance on their fleet of 737 buses, as well as allow additional space for staging articulated buses.

Bus Wash Replacement

\$1.7 million grant to install 11 new energy efficient and environmentally friendly bus wash systems in all four MTA maintenance divisions. This would replace the current systems, which are 15 years old.

Bus Diesel Engine Replacement

\$1.4 million grant to replace 30 diesel engines with more energy efficient and environmentally friendly units. The new engines will significantly reduce emissions through the installation of Diesel Particulate Filters.

For more information, visit www.baltometro.org/whats-new/new-on-the-site

Public Review and Comment

A public review period will be held from Monday, December 20 through Tuesday, January 18, 2011. The public is invited to review and comment on the amendments.

How to submit comments

Please send all comments in writing to: The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (The Offices @ McHenry Row, 1500 Whetstone Way, Suite 300, Baltimore, MD 21230); Fax: 410-732-8248; e-mail: comments@baltometro.org; or web: www.baltometro.org/bboard. Mailed comments must be received no later than 3 days after comment period closes.

Join us at a Public Meeting

The BRTB will host a public meeting with MTA to accept comments and answer questions on January 5, 2011 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (Offices @ McHenry Row, 1500 Whetstone Way, Baltimore, MD 21230). Comments may also be submitted at the Technical Committee meeting on January 4, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. or the BRTB meeting on January 25, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.

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