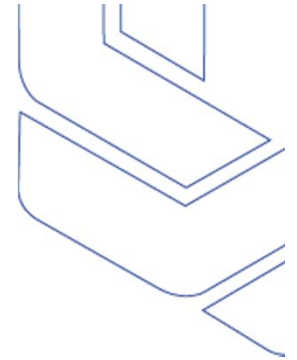


AMENDMENT

Baltimore Region FY 2011-2014

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)



Improving our Regional Transportation System

Public Meeting for

Baltimore City Projects:

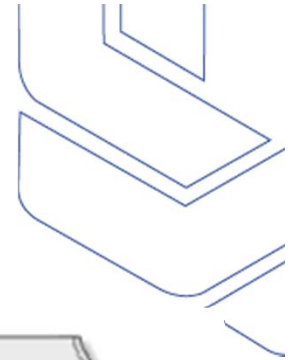
Tour Bus Parking Facility, Reconnecting West Baltimore, Transit Vehicle Purchase

Baltimore, MD – October 12, 2011



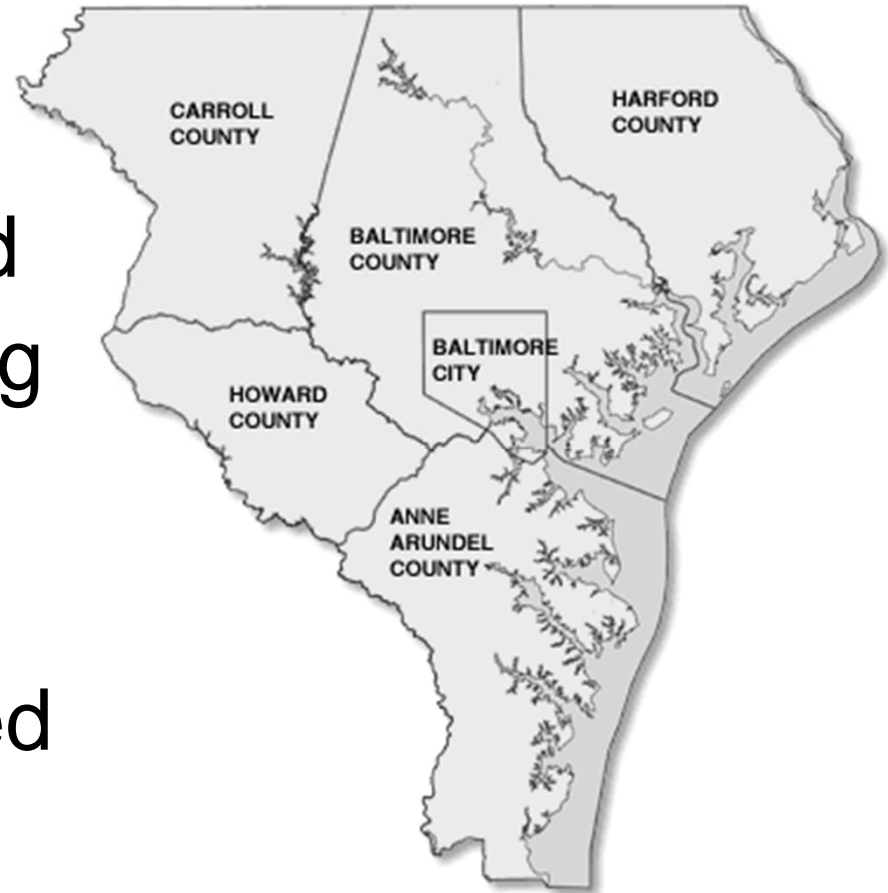
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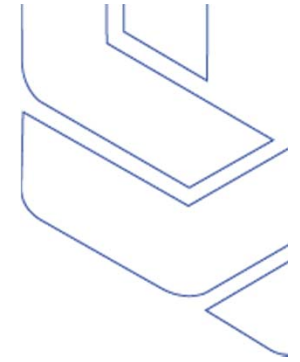




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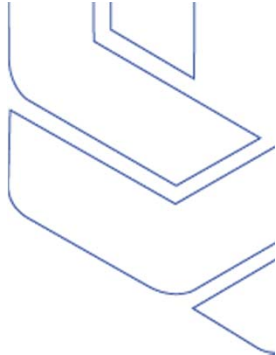
- BRTB - Baltimore Regional Transportation Board
- Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region.
- Staff support provided by the Baltimore Metropolitan Council.





BRTB Members

- City of Annapolis – Joshua J. Cohen, Mayor
- Anne Arundel County - John R. Leopold, County Executive
- City of Baltimore - Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor
- Baltimore County - Kevin Kamenetz, County Executive
- Carroll County - Haven Shoemaker, Member, Board of Commissioners
- Harford County - David R. Craig, County Executive
- Howard County - Ken Ulman, County Executive
- MD Department of Transportation - Beverley Swaim-Staley, Secretary
- MD Department of the Environment - Robert Summers, Secretary
- MD Department of Planning - Richard E. Hall, Secretary
- MD Transit Administration - Ralign T. Wells, Administrator

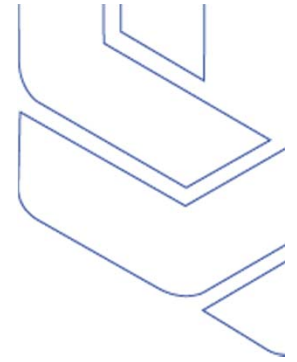


What The BRTB Does

Planning & analysis for:

- Air Quality
- Bicycle and Pedestrian
- Emergency Preparedness
- Freight
- Safety
- Transit



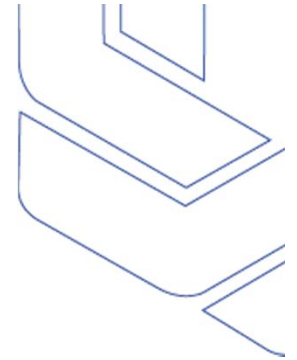


What The BRTB Does

- Annual work program – Unified Planning Work Program
- Short-term planning – Transportation Improvement Program
- Long-range planning – Plan it 2035 (Nov 2011)
- Air quality assessments of all transportation projects



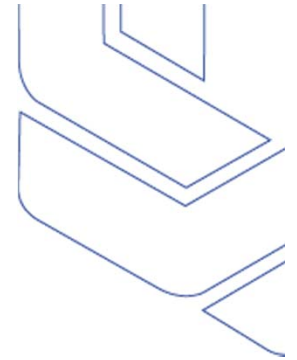
What is the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)?



- Short-range (four-year) program of transportation improvements & priority projects
- Authorization to seek federal funds
- Financially constrained
- Updated annually: current is FY 2011-2014.
- Amendments require 30-day public review
 - New projects, New funding, etc

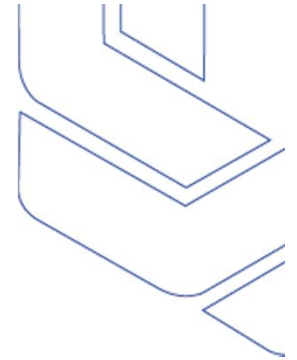


Air Quality Assessment



- TIP and long-range plan go through a process that compares estimated pollutants (emissions) from transportation projects to limits (budgets) set by the State.
- This report, called a “conformity determination”, addresses fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), 8-hour ozone and CO standards.





What's Being Amended?

Reconnecting West Baltimore

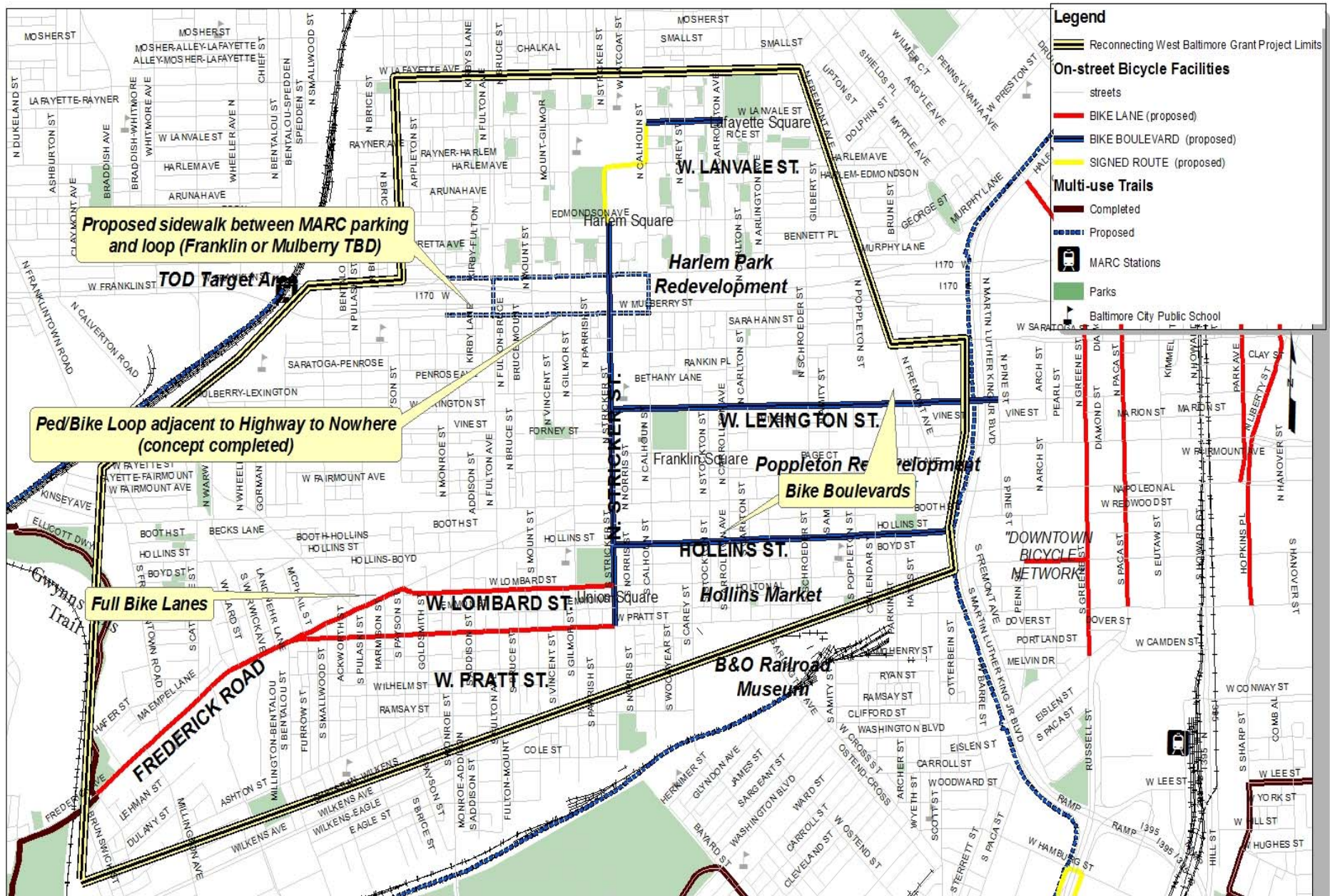
- This is a **New Project** to the TIP: The request is to Add \$2.1 million for construction. The funds were awarded to the City from a Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) grant.

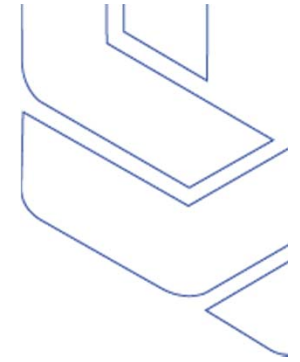


"RECONNECTING WEST BALTIMORE"

Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvements

0 0.15 0.3 0.6 Miles



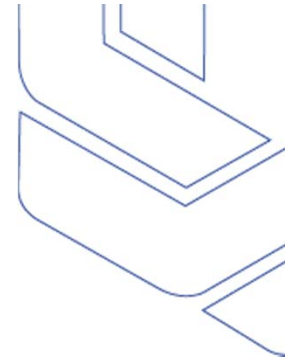


Project Description

Purpose:

- Reconfigure the Fulton St. Bridge to better accommodate bicycle and pedestrian use.
- Create a recreational ped/bike loop within unused right of way around the “Highway to Nowhere”
- Create bicycle lanes from Harlem Park to the University of Maryland Biopark – including traffic safety initiatives.

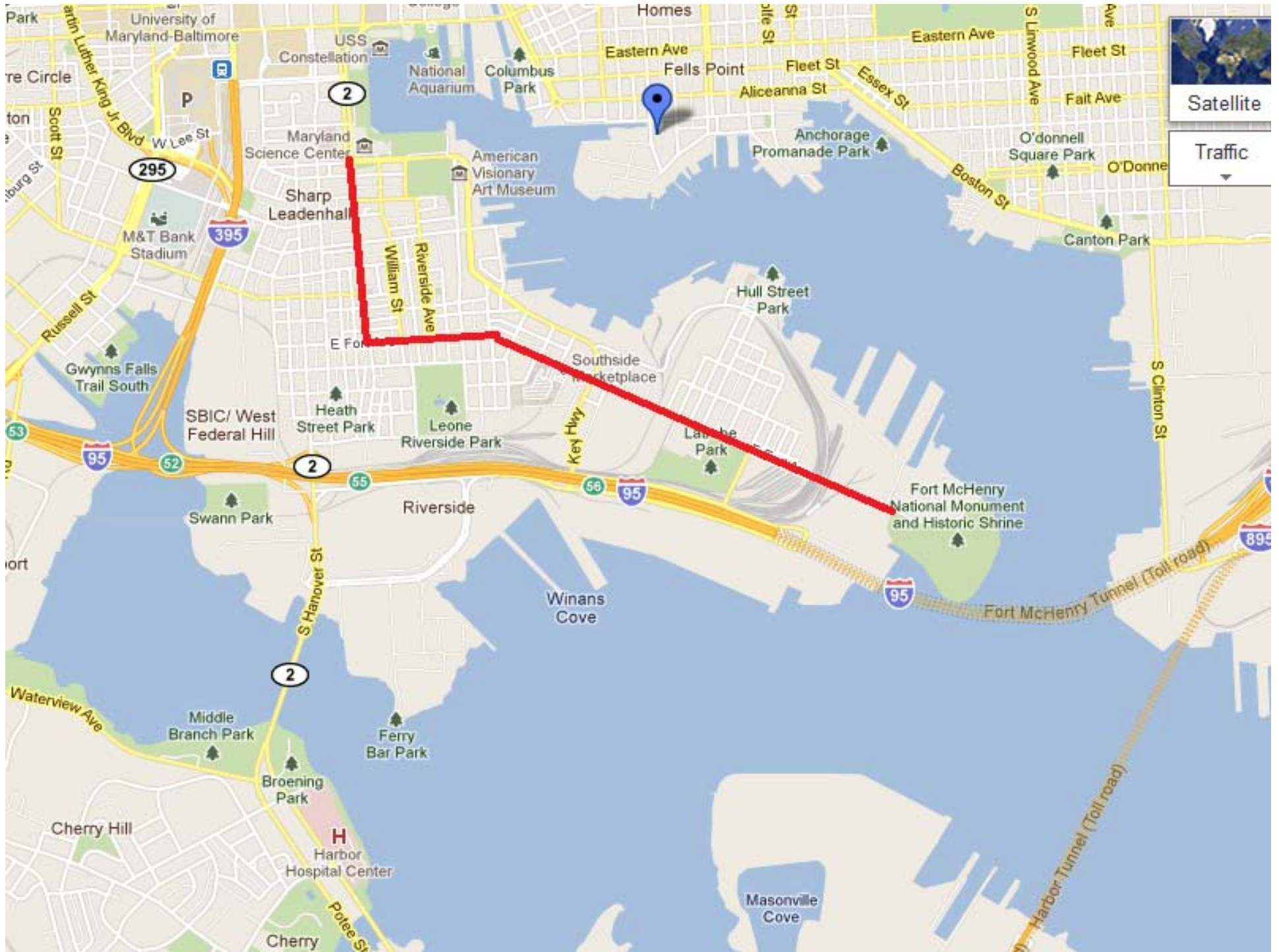




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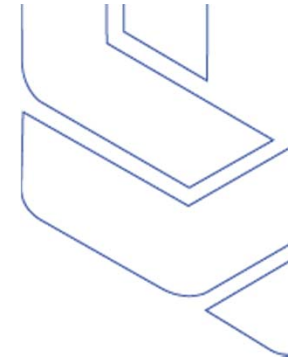
Transit Vehicle Purchase

- This is an **Existing Project**: The amendment is to Add \$1.5 million for (construction) purchase of 3 vehicles for the Charm City Circulator system. The funds were awarded to the City from a grant called : Public Lands Highway Discretionary Program.



Satellite

Traffic



Project Description

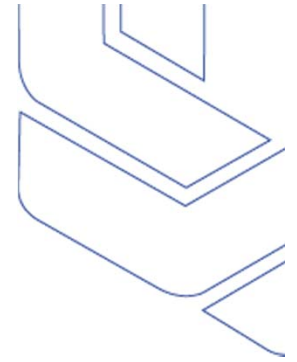
Purpose: Purchase three additional hybrid-electric buses to implement a new Charm City Circulator route between the Baltimore Visitors' Center and the Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine in time for War of 1812 Bicentennial activities.

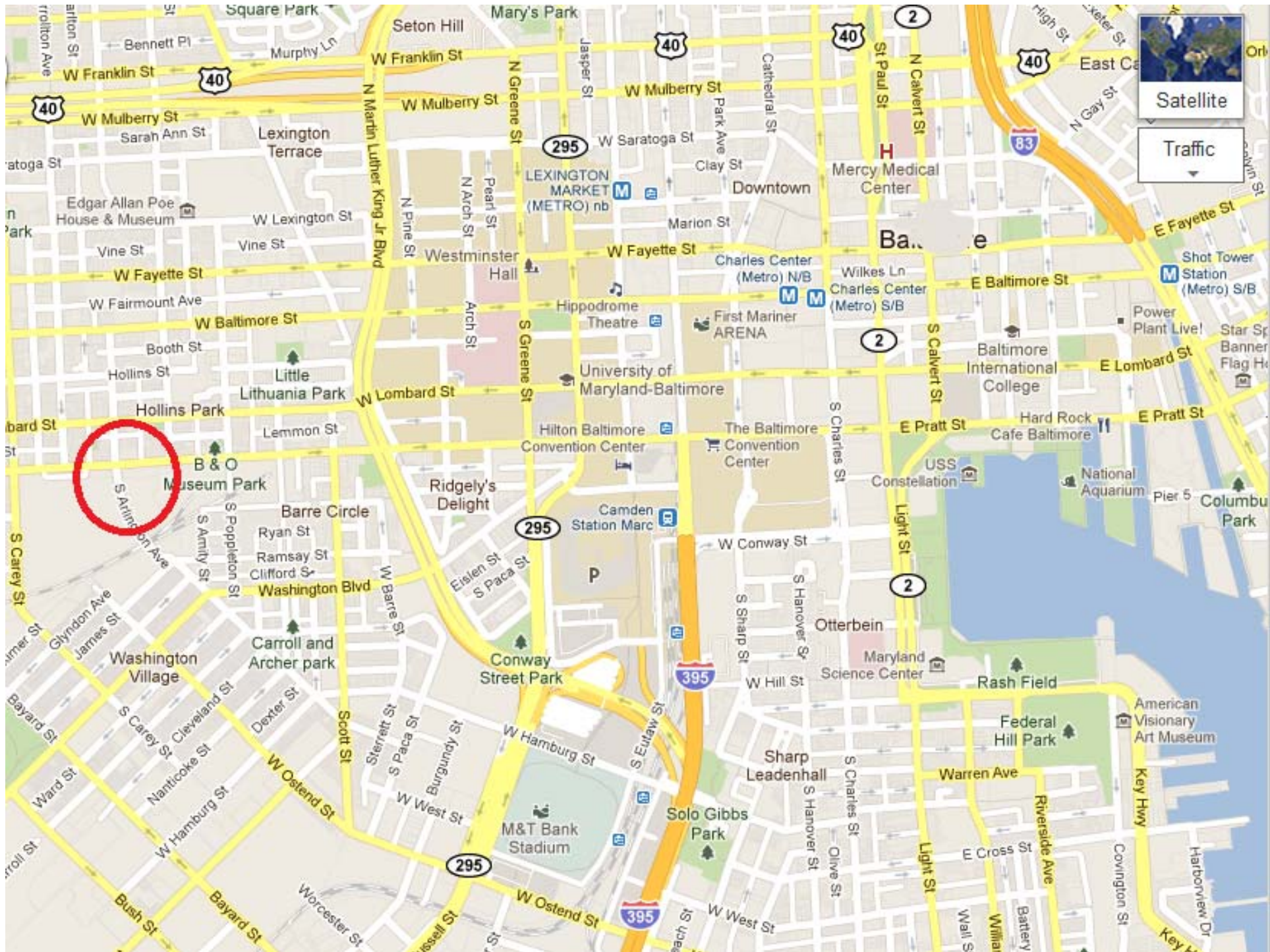


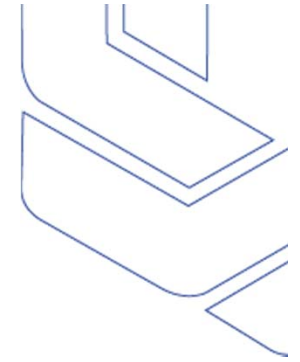
What's Being Amended?

Tour Bus Parking Facility

- **New Project:** Add \$400,000 for construction







Project Description

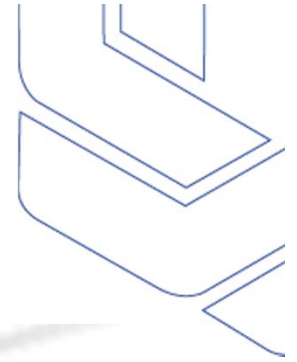
Purpose:

Construct a tour bus parking facility to reduce the number of circling and idling tour buses on downtown Baltimore streets.

This will support air quality, reduce traffic congestion and encourage additional tour companies to the City.



Your Comments are Welcome!



**Comments welcome through Thursday,
November 3, 2011**

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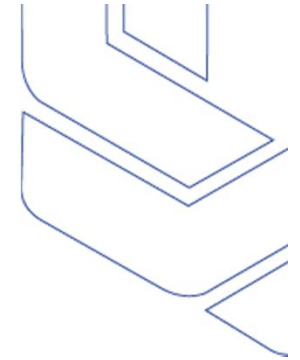
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