
From: michele rosenberg
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 3:48 AM
To: comments@baltometro.org
Subject: Edgewood

My name is Michele Rosenberg and I am commenting on improvements for Edgewood.

I was unable to attend the informational meeting and want to be assured that various best practices which revolve around disability issues are included in the plans if money is available.

As I write this to you from China with a broken leg I realize how important issues which most people don't even realize are important. One step is too many steps if you haven't learned how to manipulate crutches.

I am currently vice chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the BRTB but am submitting this quick comment as an individual citizen.

BRTB CAC Resolution #12-1

A RESOLUTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE *BALTIMORE REGION FY 2012-2015 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 2012 – 2015 TIP and requested comment on their content from the BRTB Citizen Advisory Committee (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 following FY 2012-2015 TIP Amendments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the following advisory comments pertaining to Amendments to the FY 2012-2015 TIP are hereby submitted by the CAC to the BRTB for consideration of incorporation into the projects:

- 1. Annapolis Road and Waterview Avenue Bridges over the BW Parkway # 12-1131-13'**
- 2. Highlandtown Transit Streetscape # 12-1234-69**
- 3. Howard Street Revitalization 42-1004-39**

TIP Amendments due to MTA's new funding method:

- 4. Bus & Rail System Preservation & Improvement 40-0015-64**
- 5. Light Rail Mid-Life Overhaul #40-1001-64**
- 6. Bus Replacement #40-0009-05**
- 7. Metro Railcar Overhaul & Emergency Repairs 40-1003-64**
- 8. PA/LED Sign Replacement - LRT and Metro 40-1004-64**

two new TIP Amendment projects being proposed:

- 9. MARC Edgewood Station Improvements 75-1201-54**
- 10. Northern Police Facility Relocation - AGY 40-1201-69**

Advisory comments include;

- The CAC appreciates and encourages the addition of pedestrian and bicycle accommodations on all improvement projects.

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- The project justifications seem adequate for each project however, a discussion of the opportunity costs would be appreciated (e.g. what other projects may have been considered but not implemented because these were).
- Additional information on how these improvements tie into the long range transportation plans of the MPO would be appreciated.
- The CAC appreciates the expenditures on transit projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that by majority approval, the TIP Amendments with associated comments have been approved by the Policy and Legislation Subcommittee and the BRTB Citizen Advisory Committee at their meetings of 04 January 2012.

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;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Lauria", is written over a horizontal line.

Stephen Lauria
Chairman, BRTB Citizen Advisory Committee