

PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS

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**FY 2012 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Tuesday, February 15 through Thursday, March 18, 2011

Comments Received

Two comments were received during the comment period. Copies of these comments follow.

Public Meetings

A public meeting was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. at the Baltimore Metropolitan Council. This meeting was attended by 3 individuals. A sign-in sheet follows, as does a summary of this meeting.

Outreach, Public Notices, Advertisements

The following notices / advertisements were posted during this comment period:

- Flyer
- Press release to local media, Public Information Officers, and BMC e-mail list
- BMC web site
- Posts on Facebook and Twitter pages (B'more Involved)

Several of these items are included on the following pages. A full compilation is available from the Public Involvement Coordinator.



Bicycling Advocates of Howard County Inc
10500 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Suite 700
Columbia, MD 21044

March 15, 2011

The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board
Attn: Kevin Kamenetz, Chairman
1500 Whetstone Way, Suite 300
Baltimore, MD 21230

Re: Annual Work Program and Budget - FY 2012 UPWP
Howard County Bicycle Plan

Dear Mr. Kamenetz:

I write to you on behalf of Bicycling Advocates of Howard County Inc. (BAHC) to support the application made by the Howard County Departments of Public Works (DPW) and Department of Recreation and Parks (DRP) for funding to develop policies which will govern the development of a Bicycle Plan and network in Howard County.

BAHC is a coalition of Howard County bicycle clubs and organizations which represents over 1,000 member bicyclists. We focus our energies on the following:

- Community Organizing
- Bicycle Transportation Advocacy
- Bicycle Safety Advocacy
- Bicycling Safety Education
- Legislative Education.

We have convened community forums with State and local government to discuss effective strategies for incorporating bicycling as part of the overall transportation system. We work closely with Howard County's Departments of Planning and Zoning and Public Works to improve bicycling conditions and plan for greater bicycle access. We have been advocates for the integration and use of non-motorized mobility (e.g., bicycling and walking), as a part of an effective transportation system in the redevelopment of Downtown Columbia and have testified before the Howard County Council on the need for a County-wide Bicycle/Pedestrian Accessibility Master Plan. We strongly support the DPW/DPC application for funding to develop a Bicycle Plan and network.

The need for County-wide, not merely local, planning brings us to support the DPW/DPC application for funding to develop a Bicycle Plan and network. We have testified before the Howard County Council on the need for a County-wide Bicycle/Pedestrian Accessibility Master Plan to address all parts of Howard County and

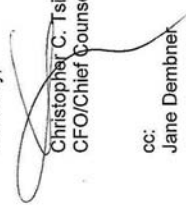
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to require that all development, both in Downtown and elsewhere address bicycling and pedestrian transportation facilities. Approving the DPW/DPC application for funding to develop a Bicycle Plan and network will help accomplish that goal.

We thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,


Christopher C. Tsien
CFO/Chief Counsel

cc:
Jane Dembner

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March 18, 2011

Baltimore Regional Transportation Board
1500 Whetstone Way, Suite 300
Baltimore, MD 21230
Attention: Kevin Kamenetz, Chairman

RE: FY 2012 UPWP – Support of Funding for Howard County Bicycle Plan

Dear Mr. Kamenetz and Members of the Board:

I am writing to strongly support Howard County's request for funding for a Bicycle Plan as part of the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program for Transportation Planning (UPWP). I urge the BRTB to approve funding for this vital project.

Howard County is well-positioned to develop a Bicycle Plan and has been laying the foundation for this planning effort for some time. Some more recent related efforts include:

- The County has recently made changes to its zoning regulations and Design Manual to require more bicycle and pedestrian improvements in Downtown Columbia including instituting bicycle and pedestrian level of service standards.
- The County is working on guidelines for bicycle accessibility and needs assistance to complete this work and place it within a policy context.
- The County is just beginning its substantial update to the General Plan. The analysis done for the Bicycle Plan and the resulting policies and proposed network will also serve to inform the overall General Plan.
- The County is working collaboratively with community partners including Columbia Association to increase connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists in a number of ways including harnessing the existing off-road pathway system that exists in Columbia today.

What the County lacks is an overall master plan that sets the frame for investments and decision-making so that **safe and adequate connectivity for cyclists is not only what we hope for but something that becomes reality in the not-too-distant future**. With the cost of fuel rising, and the impacts of climate change increasing, now is the ideal time to plan for our future – a future with

increased mobility choices that reduce environmental impacts and promote healthy lifestyles for residents of all ages.

Thank you very much for your funding support for this important Bicycle Plan project.

Sincerely,

Phillip L. Nelson
President

cc: Ken Ullman, Howard County Executive
Marsha McLaughlin, Howard County, Director of Planning
Benjamin Pickar, Howard County, Department of Planning and Zoning, Transportation Planning Division
Jane Demoner, Columbia Association, Director of Planning



The Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore Region

MEETING: Kent Street Transit Plaza and Pedestrian Corridor # FY 2012 UPWP
 LOCATION: Baltimore Metropolitan Council DATE: 3/02/2011 TIME: 4:30 P.M.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Meetings File

FROM: Tyson Byrne

DATE: Tuesday, July 12, 2011

SUBJECT: March 2, 2011 TIP Amendment and FY 2012 UPWP Public Meeting

Tyson Byrne and Todd Lang from BMC staffed the public meeting held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm. Three members of the CAC attended the meeting. They were Michele Rosenberg, John Eberhard, and Jane Dembner.

Tyson went through briefly the TIP process and a description of the Kent Street TIP Amendment to the 2011-2015 TIP. Michele asked if this project would connect Westport to the Gwynns Falls Trail. The Gwynns Falls Trail already goes through Westport and another grant will relocate the trail to the waterfront and over the CSX swing bridge. There were no other TIP questions.

Todd Lang then discussed the purpose of the Unified Planning Work Program. Jane Dembner commented that she and John Eberhard were there to comment on in favor of the bike plan for Howard County. They feel that it is a program that needs to be funded.

The meeting ended at 5:23 pm.

New Work Program to Address Transportation Planning Priorities Facing the Baltimore Region

Here's what we are planning to do to address transportation concerns in the Baltimore region



Every year, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) develops a work program and budget. This program, called the UPWP - Unified Planning Work Program for Transportation Planning, identifies activities and an annual operating budget. Work activities include:

- Complete development of *Plan it 2035*, the long-range transportation plan
- Prepare analysis of 2010 Census data
- Conduct regional transit and freight analyses
- Continue to identify projects that improve air quality
- Conduct outreach for Clean Commuting options
- Expand capabilities with new methods for travel modeling

What do you think? Public Review and Comment

The public is invited to provide comments on the proposed activities through **March 17, 2011**. Copies of the draft UPWP are available at www.baltometro.org.

Share Your Thoughts

To share your thoughts and ideas, please submit all comments in writing to: The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, 1500 Whetstone Way, Suite 300, Baltimore, MD 21230, fax: 410-732-8248, e-mail: comments@baltometro.org, or online: www.baltometro.org/bboard.

Comments may also be submitted in person at a public meeting on **Wednesday, March 2nd** between 4:30-5:30 p.m. or at the BRTB meetings on Tuesday, March 22 or Wednesday, April 20 at BMC (1500 Whetstone Way, Suite 300, Baltimore, MD 21230).

For more information: Call 410-732-0500 x1047 or e-mail comments@baltometro.org



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For Immediate Release
Contact: Barbara Herron, 410-732-9564

FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Transportation Planning Open for Public Review

BALTIMORE (February 28, 2011) – Every year, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) works with state agency partners and public transit agencies to develop a work program and budget for the coming fiscal year. The draft FY 2012 UPWP identifies activities to be completed by BMC staff, local governments and state agencies between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012.

The proposed activities for the coming fiscal year include:

- Complete development of Plan It 2035, the long-range transportation plan, with public input;
- Prepare analyses of 2010 Census data;
- Conduct regional transit and freight analyses;
- Continue to identify projects that improve air quality;
- Conduct outreach for Clean Commuting options;
- Expand capabilities with new methods for travel modeling;
- Evaluate the transportation needs of the elderly, individuals with disabilities and low-income residents; and
- Conduct bike planning efforts in three jurisdictions.

The draft UPWP is available in PDF format at www.baltometro.org. A print version is available at the Regional Information Center, located at the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, 1500 Whetstone Way, Suite 300, in the Locust Point area of Baltimore City.

The public is invited to share their thoughts on these proposed transportation planning activities through Thursday, March 18. A public meeting to receive comments will be held on Wednesday, March 2, at 4:30 p.m. in the BMC offices at the above address.

Comments may be submitted in writing to:

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Comments may also be submitted in person at meetings of the BRTB on Tuesday, March 22, at 9 a.m. or Wednesday, April 20, at 4:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held at BMC. Mailed comments must be received no later than 3 days after the end of the comment period.

For more information, contact Monica Haines Benkhedda at mhainesbenkhedda@baltometro.org or 410-732-0500 x1047.

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COMMENTS WELCOME ON TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

Annual Budget Focuses on Building Region's Future, While Federal Funding Helps Move Many Local Projects Forward

The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board is currently welcoming public feedback on three public review and comment periods. A summary of these are below, with full details available by clicking on the links provided.

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Planning for our future - Draft FY 2012 Budget and Work Program

Every year, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) develops a work program for the coming fiscal year called the UPWP - Unified Planning Work Program for Transportation Planning. This program outlines the ways our metropolitan area is planning to use federal transportation funds to address transportation planning priorities and concerns in the Baltimore region. Comments are welcome through Friday, March 18.

[>> View the Draft 2012 Budget and Work Program](#)



Additional Funding for Kent Street Transit Plaza and Pedestrian Corridor Project

Baltimore City has submitted a request for an amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program for the Kent Street Transit Plaza and Pedestrian Corridor Project. The reason for the amendment is new funding. Comments are welcome through Friday, March 18.

[>> Learn more about this amendment](#)

Bridges for the future: \$7.9 Million Amendment to 2011-2014 TIP

Baltimore and Carroll Counties have submitted a request to amend the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program for \$7.9 million worth of projects related to improving or repairing nine local bridges. The comment period is open through Monday, April 11, 2011.


[>> Find out more about these bridges](#)

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Public mtg tonight at 4:30p in #Baltimore: Regional Transportation Budget:
<http://ow.ly/45Rqt> and Transit & Ped Plaza <http://ow.ly/45S1b>

 **Annual Work Program and Budget - FY 2012 UPWP - Baltimore Regional Transportation Board**
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\$7.6 mil. to improve transportation in #Baltimore region. Here's our plan. What do you think? Public mtg Mar 2, 4:30p. <http://ow.ly/45R5T>

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Public mtg tonight at 4:30p in #Baltimore: Regional Transportation Budget: <http://ow.ly/45Rqt> and Transit & Ped Plaza <http://ow.ly/45S1b>

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