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### FOR REVIEW: AMENDMENTS TO 2005-2009 TIP

The 2005-2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a short range transportation program. Its main purpose is to identify projects which will require federal funding in the near future. This list includes added capacity projects, preservation projects, and transit operating needs.

In July 2004, the BRTB approved the 2005-2009 TIP; however, at this time there are a few changes to projects. This is what is available for review. Once reviewed and comments are received, the BRTB will review, modify as needed, and approve the final amended document at their February 22nd meeting.

#### THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO REVIEW AND COMMENT

The public is invited to review and comment on the TIP amendments. The review period will be from Friday, January 14, 2005 through Friday, February 18, 2005. Information on the proposed amendments will be available online tomorrow at: <http://www.baltometro.org/TIP/TIP2009amend.html>.

Written comments are welcome and must be received by the close of business on Thursday, February 17, 2005. Please submit all comments to Carl Balsler, Chair, Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, (Attention: Public Involvement Coordinator) 2700 Lighthouse Point East, Suite 310, Baltimore, MD 21224-4774, by fax at 410-732-8248, or email: [mhaines@baltometro.org](mailto:mhaines@baltometro.org).

No public meeting is scheduled at this time, however, if members of the public request that their testimony be submitted verbally, we will schedule a meeting. If you would like to provide your comments in person, please notify me no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, February 9, 2005. [For info on the proposed amendments, click here](#)

### HELP MAKE BALTIMORE BETTER FOR BIKING



Baltimore City is developing a Bicycle Master Plan - and they want to hear from you!

The goals of the Bicycle Master Plan are: (1) to look at existing conditions, and (2) to identify and prioritize the facilities needed for safe bicycling in Baltimore. The information gathered at this meeting will be used to develop the Master Plan.

**YOU CAN HELP CREATE BETTER BIKING IN BALTIMORE! ATTEND THE 1<sup>ST</sup> BICYCLE MASTER PLAN PUBLIC MEETING**  
JANUARY 13, 2005 | 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. | 417 E. FAYETTE STREET, 8TH FLOOR | (At Fayette & Gay St)

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### ANNAPOLIS TRANSIT OFFERS FREE BUS RIDES FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Annapolis Transit will observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 17th, by providing free rides on all routes, all day long.

High school and adult volunteers will also ride on City buses as "Peace Riders" between 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. and hand out flyers and brochures designed by local teenagers about race and multi-cultural bias and peaceful, nonviolent communication and conflict resolution skills. Annapolis Transportation Director Danielle Matland underscored the setting of local buses for the project. "Our buses are the best place to bring together people from all neighborhoods and backgrounds. We are giving rides free to attract as many people as possible."

Many trace the early development of the civil rights movement to December 1, 1955 on a public bus in Montgomery, Alabama, where Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white customer and move to the back. Ms. Parks was



arrested. Under the leadership of Dr. King, the Montgomery Improvement Association organized a bus boycott. King's home was bombed. In November, 1956, the Supreme Court ruled that segregation on transportation is unconstitutional.

The Volunteer Center For Anne Arundel County and the Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center are co-sponsoring the "Peace Riders". For more information, please contact Fay Mauro at 410.897.9207 or [fay@volunteerannearundel.org](mailto:fay@volunteerannearundel.org). [For info about Annapolis Transit, call 410.263.7964 or click here.](#)

## REMINDER: STATE CENTER PLANNING WORKSHOPS



The area surrounding the State Center Metro Station has great potential to contribute to the economic vitality of surrounding neighborhoods and to support transit access.

To develop a better sense of this potential and get community input, the State, in partnership with Baltimore City, will sponsor a weeklong workshop (or "charrette") addressing 3 areas: walkability, development opportunities, and design.

Ultimately, this planning effort will enable policymakers and the community to define and guide future development and redevelopment in the area. The goal is to create an economically vibrant place that takes full advantage of the existing subway and light rail stations and to increase transit ridership.

### THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND ONE OF THE REMAINING PUBLIC MEETINGS

The remaining meetings will be at 300 W. Preston St. on the following dates: Jan. 13: 6-7 pm and Jan. 14: 7-8 pm

For information and to confirm exact time and location, contact: Sam Bradner or Kristen Forsyth, Office of Smart Growth, Maryland Department of Planning, at 410.767.4500 or visit [www.mdp.state.md.us](http://www.mdp.state.md.us).

This project is sponsored by the Maryland Departments of Transportation, Planning, and General Services, and the City of Baltimore. [For more information, click here](#)

## HARFORD COUNTY ACCEPTING ZONING APPLICATIONS



As part of the 2005/2006 Comprehensive Zoning Review, the Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning will be accepting applications from property owners who wish to request changes to their current zoning.

Pursuant to Harford County Council Bill No. 04-40, the County is required to initiate the Comprehensive Zoning Review process. This process will take approximately 15 months from the enactment of the legislation. In accordance with this legislation, the Department of Planning and Zoning will be accepting applications for property owners who wish to modify or change their current zoning.

The Application period will be from December 1, 2004 - January 31, 2005.

Information packets and applications may be obtained at the Planning and Zoning Department, 220 South Main Street, Bel Air or by calling 410-638-3103. [For more information, click here](#)

## AGING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETS NEXT WEEK

The Transportation Committee of Howard County's Commission on Aging (COA) will meet next week to develop a plan for publishing a "Senior Guide to Safe Transportation."

The committee is comprised of a number of diverse county and state experts members as well as seniors interested in transportation issues of older people. The goal of the committee is to determine what is needed in the county to enable older people to get around safely as late in life as possible. It deals with all forms of transportation.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 18, 2005, FROM 11:00 AM TO 1 PM at the Gateway Building, 6751 Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD in the Conference Room on the 2nd floor. Anyone interested in helping make Howard County easier for older people to get around are welcome to join the committee or attend meetings.

This particular meeting will focus on the design of a Senior Guide to Transportation in Howard County. The guide will feature resources for drivers to enable them to drive safely longer, safer walking, and, obviously, the various types of other transportation options that are available from both public and private sources.

The meeting will also discuss the plans for the year to develop both short and long term plans to make transportation better for older people so that they can age in their community.

If you need any further information, please contact John Eberhard at 410-992-9003 or at [jeberhard2@msn.com](mailto:jeberhard2@msn.com)