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TRANSPORTATION 2030 APPROVED BY BRTB!



At Tuesday's BRTB meeting, members unanimously approved, by Resolution, Transportation 2030 and the Conformity Determination. Once finalized, copies of the final documents were sent to federal agencies for their review and approval as appropriate.

The region's long-range transportation plan, known as Transportation 2030, is a "blueprint" of the major transportation investments in the six jurisdictions of the Baltimore region proposed for implementation by 2030. It serves as a guide for developing a transportation system that is accessible, safe, and reliable and contributes to a higher quality of life for the region's citizens.

DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP WORKS TO HELP HOMELESS

Baltimore's Downtown Partnership - a nonprofit corporation focused on providing services and making improvements to the City's downtown area - is working with other local organizations, including the MD Transit Administration, to provide services to Baltimore's homeless citizens.

In addition to the ongoing services Downtown Partnership provides the homeless, their Public Safety Guides are now a part of Baltimore's Code Blue cold weather response plan. Whenever the temperature drops and the wind picks up, Safety Guides collaborate with City officials to increase our homeless outreach. Safety Guides can get anyone in need to a pick-up point where the Maryland Transit Administration will transport them to the City's emergency response shelter. The Guides can also arrange for special transportation in the event a person is unable to make it to the pick-up point.



IF YOU SEE ANYONE WHO MAY NEED CODE BLUE ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL THE CITY'S 311 HOTLINE.

Started in May 1998, Hands In Partnership (HIP) is a joint effort between Downtown Partnership, Baltimore Crisis Response, Baltimore Mental Health Systems, and local mental health professionals to reach out to Downtown's homeless population. HIP has already helped more than 100 of Baltimore's homeless citizens move off the streets and towards needed services.

[For more information on Downtown Partnerships Homeless Outreach Initiatives, contact Tom Yeager at 410-244-1030](#)

ANNAPOLIS TRANSIT ANNOUNCES ITS SPECIAL 2004 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Last Friday, Annapolis Transit announced its 2004 Holiday Schedule. Here is some key information about your transit options in Annapolis!

DECEMBER SCHEDULE INFORMATION

- BROWN ROUTE buses will be in operation until 11 p.m., one hour later than normal, during December when Westfield Shoppingtown (Annapolis Mall) will be open late, except on Sunday nights.
- Midnight Madness 2-Thursday, December 16, Stadium to downtown shuttles until 12 p.m.
- Christmas Eve--Friday, December 24, Annapolis D.O.T. offices will be closed but regular bus service will operate until 7 p.m.
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- Christmas Day--Saturday, December 25 and on Sunday, December 26. Annapolis Transit will not operate on these days. It will operate regular service on Monday, December 27.
- New Year's Eve--Friday, December 31: regular bus service will operate until 7 p.m., but Annapolis DOT offices will be closed. Special First Night shuttle buses will begin operating at 3 p.m. and continue until 12:30 a.m. Annapolis Transit encourages you to all them to be your designated driver and avoid traffic and parking hassles.
- New Years Day--Saturday, January 1 or on Sunday, January 2: There will be no bus service. Annapolis Transit will operate regular service on Monday, January 3, 2005.

JANUARY SCHEDULE CHANGES

On Monday, January 17th, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday, REGULAR BUS SERVICE will be FREE ALL DAY

MTA TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE DURING LIGHT RAIL DOUBLETRACKING

On January 3, the Light Rail from North Avenue to Hunt Valley will close as construction work shifts to the North end of the system. The following stops will be affected by the planned service outage: Hunt Valley, Pepper Road, McCormick Road, Gilroy Road, Warren Road, Timonium, Timonium Business Park, Lutherville, Falls Road, Mt. Washington, Cold Spring Lane, and Woodberry.



On December 28 and 29, as well as on January 3 and 4, MTA ambassadors will be available at the MT. WASHINGTON STATION to answer questions about alternative transportation options, construction activities, and service changes that will be implemented during the shutdown.

QUESTIONS? Call (410) 333-2354 or 1-800-543-9809 or email doubletrack@mtamaryland.com

BACK ON TRACK: THE B&O RAILROAD MUSEUM

In November, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum reopened its doors, celebrating the restoration of its historic roundhouse that collapsed during a snowstorm in 2003. The Museum's Roundhouse is a 22-sided polygon and is the largest circular industrial building in the world. Designed by E. Frances Baldwin, the Roundhouse was completed in 1884. In addition to the Roundhouse restoration, visitors are able to experience some of the Museum's expanded facilities. The Museum now showcases a new exhibition gallery featuring the Smithsonian's Railroad Model Collection, Railroad China and Silver, and Clocks, Pocket Watches and Railroad Time.



On the two new outdoor train exhibition platforms, visitors get an inside view of many of the Museum's trains unavailable to the public prior to the collapse. Displayed in the C&O #725 passenger car will be the new HO model train layout, which depicts the lay-of-the-land from Baltimore's port to the Mid-West.

LOOKING FOR SOME HOLIDAY FUN?

- * The Holiday Festival of Trains is the museum's most popular special event comprising one of the largest assortments of operating toy train layouts in the region. In addition to the museum's two permanent train layouts, the event showcases various miniature train layouts exhibited by guest model hobbyists and clubs. The event runs now through Sunday, January 2, 2005 (The museum is closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day).
- * The Museum will now offer daily train rides along the "most historic railroad right of way in America" from April through December and during weekends in January. No train rides are scheduled during February and March.

The museum is a full affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and is dedicated to preserving and interpreting railroading and its impact on America. Its 40-acre campus is considered the birthplace of American railroading.

JOINING B'MORE INVOLVED EASIER THAN EVER!

If you have a colleague, neighbor, or friend who would like to receive B'More Involved, registering is now as easy as 1-2-3.

1. Go to the B'More Involved page on our website (link below)
2. Scroll down until you see "Click here to Join". Open this link.
3. Register, hit submit, and they are on their way!

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