



## Developing a Regional Transportation Vision

# FACT SHEET

The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) has unanimously agreed on the need for an overall vision for transportation. The focus of this vision is to develop an integrated multi-modal regional network of transportation options that supports greater mobility and accessibility, livable communities, environmental stewardship and economic prosperity. This vision will serve as a guide for investments in the 2011 long-range transportation plan. Over the coming year, the BRTB will engage the public in a conversation about the future of transportation in the region.

### Join the Conversation

The Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) is leading the development of this regional transportation vision. A key part of this project will be a large scale public engagement campaign to provide the people who live and work in the Baltimore region an opportunity to help shape the region's future. Watch for stories on this vision project in the news.

If you would like to sign up to receive notification on this project go to [baltometro.org](http://baltometro.org) and sign up for email updates. Or send your contact information to:

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### How will we develop a transportation vision for the Baltimore region?

The BRTB proposes a 7-step process for developing the regional transportation vision, using scenario planning. Scenario planning is an inclusive, collaborative process that demonstrates how different development patterns could affect transportation, smart growth, the environment and economic development.

#### The seven steps are:

##### 1. Identifying Values

Stakeholders will identify livability and quality of life factors that will be used in evaluating transportation and associated land-use scenarios. Values will help shape goals and policies that the BRTB can use in developing the 2011 long-range transportation plan.

##### 2. Identifying Trends

The vision team will analyze trends in demographics, the economy and technology for changes that could affect demands for transportation.

##### 3. Refining Modeling Tools

Values and trends will be incorporated into the GIS-based software and modeling tools that will be used to create scenarios.

##### 4. Conducting Scenario Planning Workshops

Participants will explore the link between transportation and land use, and will have an opportunity to discuss both the benefits and consequences of transportation and land use decisions.

##### 5. Analyzing and Formulating Draft Scenarios

The vision team will refine input from the planning workshops into several scenarios and analyze potential benefits and trade-offs.

##### 6. Evaluating Scenarios

Stakeholders will review the outcomes of the analysis and compare, comment and then recommend a preferred scenario. The BRTB will then finalize the preferred scenario representing the stakeholder-driven vision.

##### 7. Implementing the regional transportation vision

The vision will provide a strategic direction to guide the Baltimore regional transportation planning process.

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## How does this fit in with the metropolitan transportation planning process?

- To prepare for the vision process, local and regional planners have been working to refine technical assumptions and analytical tools. The final vision could influence transportation planning in the Baltimore region for the next 20 to 50 years.
- Public input garnered from the vision process will assist in selecting transportation investments to be included in the 2011 long-range transportation plan.
- The final vision and 2011 long-range transportation plan will be in place by November 2011.
- Evaluation criteria will assure that transportation investments are consistent with the regional vision.

## What is the BRTB?

The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region. As an MPO, the BRTB is directly responsible for making sure that any money spent on existing and future transportation projects and programs is based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive (3-C) planning process. All transportation projects and programs that receive federal funding in our region go through this planning process.

## What is the BRTB responsible for?

The mission of the BRTB is to provide regional transportation planning and policy making for the Baltimore region.

