

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

BMC Conference Room

5:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members/Staff**

Regina Aris – Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)  
Michael Benelli – Anne Arundel County Disabilities Commission  
Art Cohen – b'more mobile  
Neil Curran – Citizen, Baltimore City  
David DiQuinzio – Annapolis Planning Commission  
Colin Furneaux – Citizen, Carroll County  
Monica Haines Benkhedda – Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)  
Frank Johnson – BRTB Liaison, Carroll County  
Jack Knox – AARP Maryland, Executive Council  
Brenda Latney-Lee – Southwest Development Committee  
Jud Malone – Citizen, Howard County  
Raine Mullan – Beyond the Boundaries – Archdiocese of Baltimore  
Foster Nichols – Valleys Planning Council  
Albert Pietrolungo – Central Maryland Council of the Blind  
Irene Poulson – Neighborhood Design Center  
Kevin Racine – Citizen, Harford County  
Patrick Roddy – Citizen, Baltimore County  
Michele Rosenberg – Citizen, Baltimore City  
Alan Sweatman – Friends of Harford  
Sharonlee Vogel – Transportation Advocates  
Saul Wilson – Transit Riders Action Council of Metropolitan Baltimore  
Bill Yerman – Greater Baltimore Board of Realtors

**Guests**

Ted Rosenberg – Citizen, Baltimore City

Mr. Colin Furneaux called the meeting to order at 5:40 P.M.

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

There were no new members at this meeting.

**2. REPORT ON RECENT AND UPCOMING BRTB MEETINGS**

Ms. Regina Aris reported on the May BRTB meeting. Highlights of the meeting included approval of the following: Resolution #09-20 in support of the FY 2010 UPWP, which had been deferred from approval at the April meeting to provide a more thorough review of consultant contract procedures and to allow the Board to respond to public comments on the UPWP. In addition, the BRTB also approved Resolution #09-23 to amend the FY 2008 - 2012 Baltimore Region Transportation Improvement Program;

Resolution #09-24 to approve the Alternates Retained for Detailed Study for the proposed Dolfield Road Interchange at I-795; and Resolution #09-25 in support of a consultant selection process to be followed for the retention of consultant services in support of projects to be funded from the Unified Planning Work Program.

Ms. Aris also reported that the BRTB heard presentations on: Downtown Circulator Bus System scheduled to initiate service in summer 2009; Reauthorization of federal transportation legislation; Regional transportation vision effort; and the Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Transportation / Land-Use Climate Action Plan Coordinating Committee.

In addition, Ms. Monica Haines Benkhedda also briefed the BRTB on the recommendations of the CAC regarding the existing BRTB Public Participation Plan. Following this presentation, the BRTB asked staff to conduct further research into the feasibility and methods for implementing the CAC's suggestions. Ms. Haines Benkhedda agreed to present these findings at the BRTB's June meeting for their review, as well as their consideration of a possible work session to review and discuss the recommendations. The next meeting of the BRTB is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at 9 a.m. at BMC.

### **3. PRESENTATION: MD CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION AND CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

Mr. Howard Simons from MDOT provided an overview of the MD Climate Change Commission and the Climate Action Plan, released in August 2008. Mr. Simons reported that during November 2008, the MDOT Climate Change Committee submitted the Climate Action Plan to the Maryland General Assembly and Governor. The Climate Action Plan includes 42 measures for reducing the State's greenhouse gas emissions, 8 of which are transportation and land use related, or TLU, measures. MDOT has been delegated the task of developing an implementation plan for each TLU. There is a mandate to develop a progress report by April 2009 and implementation measures by November 2009. The Climate Action Plan calls for a 25 percent reduction in emissions from 2006 levels and 90 percent by 2050. The Coordinating Committee will act as an umbrella over eight Work Groups, and will approve a plan to go to the MD Climate Change Commission. It was also noted that BMC staff is participating on 5 Work Groups and that regular reports from staff about these meetings will be given at future Technical Committee and BRTB meetings.

Members asked several questions and engaged in discussion with Mr. Simons regarding such issues as the challenges confronted developing implementation plans, diversity of members and whether the April progress report is available to the public. Due to the level of interest, this topic will likely be discussed further at meetings of the CAC. Mr. Simons urged the CAC to invite a representative of the Maryland Department of the Environment to address the topic since that department has the overall lead and have greater experience with air quality issues.

### **4. PRESENTATION: DRAFT 2010-2013 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Ms. Aris provided an overview of the draft 2010-2013 TIP, currently open for public review from May 22 to June 26. Ms. Aris highlighted the various types of projects, including new projects, included in the draft TIP. She also reported on the various components that have changed in this year's document. Finally, she demonstrated for members how to look up projects using the online TIP database, located at [http://bmc.baltometro.org/tips\\_web](http://bmc.baltometro.org/tips_web).

Members noted that the comment period closes prior to their next meeting and asked if comments could be submitted by the group on July 1. Ms. Aris reported that the BRTB has been willing to accept comments from the CAC shortly after the closing date as a courtesy to the CAC.

***[Handouts: PowerPoint presentation: Short-range Program – TIP: For the years 2010-2013]***

## **5. SUBCOMMITTEE BRIEFINGS AND ACTION ITEMS**

No subcommittee reports were given, however members discussed the need for a discussion at a future meeting regarding the future work of the CAC. Discussion topics could include goal setting for the group, as well as brainstorming a list of information needed, speaker topics, etc. Members agreed this would be a useful exercise and asked that time be allotted for this at the next CAC meeting.

## **6. ACTION ITEM: APPROVAL OF APRIL AND MAY 2009 MINUTES**

CAC members approved the April and May 2009 minutes.

## **7. JULY/AUGUST AGENDAS, OTHER BUSINESS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Jud Malone reported that traditionally the CAC has taken a summer break in July or rescheduled the meeting due to the Independence Day holiday. Members discussed this possibility, but given the current work load and activities, decided to stick with the scheduled meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Malone agreed to develop the July agenda with Ms. Haines, utilizing input from the CAC members.

Ms. Haines announced that the BRTB currently has two open public review and comment periods and asked CAC members to help spread the word about each:

- [Baltimore Region \(BRAC\) Draft Amendment to 2008-2012 TIP](#) (May 14 – June 15, 2009)
- [Draft FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program & Air Quality Report](#) (May 22 – June 26, 2009)

***[Handouts: Flyer - Baltimore Region (BRAC) Draft Amendment to 2008-2012 TIP; Flyer - Draft FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program & Air Quality Report]***

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 P.M. The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at 5:30 P.M.

# Short-range Program – TIP

*For the years 2010-2013*

*June 3, 2009*



# Core Function of an MPO

Develop a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)\*

- Develop a short-range (four-year) program of transportation improvements based on the long-range transportation plan; the TIP should be designed to achieve the area's goals, using spending, regulating, operating, management, and financial tools.

\* FHWA – The Transportation Planning Process / Key Issues, 1 of 5 core functions



## The TIP

- In the TIP, the MPO, here the BRTB, identifies the transportation projects and strategies from the MTP that it plans to undertake over the next four years.

## What's in the 2010-13 TIP?

<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Type</u>
• Baltimore City	10	4(2)	varies
• Baltimore County	14	8	bridge
• Carroll County	6	0	bridge
• Harford County	5	1	bridge
• Howard County	1	0	bridge

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<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Type</u>
MTA – transit	21	7	operating funds & preservation
MTA- MARC	1	0	parking
SHA	19	2	10 areawide, 1 capacity, 7 studies, 1 bridge

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MDOT	1	0	study
BMC(BRTB)	1	0	CMAQ

## What has changed?

- New “On Hold” Section - Projects may have started with federal funds but there is insufficient money available for the next phase, no staff to design, or resolving community/ROW issues.

Found in Appendix D – 26 projects, for example: Western Run Trail, Bollinger Road Bridge, Baltimore Green Line, MD 3:US 50 to MD 32



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## More changes

- City now grouping bridge rehabilitation projects. Instead of listing 15 to 20 bridge rehab, they are now grouped.
- State grouping private-sponsor earmarks.
- Financial information expanded to provide a greater degree of detail.



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# About the Annual Element

- AE is 2010
- Projects listed together
- \$334,505 million in federal funds
- 1702 = 75,287M
- STP = 61,511M
- BRR = 56,865M
- 53070 = 42,159M
- 70% of all funds
- 79 “active” projects overall with 64 projects requesting funds in 2010
- Capacity projects = 1 (MD 295: I-695 to I-195)



# Mapping Projects in the TIP

## HOWARD COUNTY

### Federally Funded Local Projects:

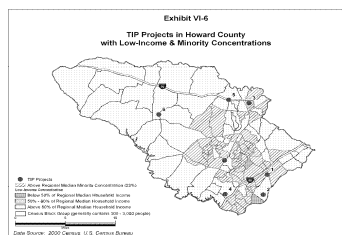
- 1 US 1, Washington Boulevard 66-0501-19

### Federally Funded State Projects:

None

### Regionally Significant and Non - Federally Funded Projects:

- 2 Doney Run Rd (North Phase 1)
- 3 North Ridge Rd
- 4 Spjark Blvd (West Loop Rd)
- 5 I-70
- 6 MD 32, Patuxent Freeway
- 7 US 29



## For more information...

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**AMENDMENT**

## 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

On behalf of the Maryland Department of Transportation, the BRTB is proposing to amend the Fiscal Year 2008-2012 Baltimore Region TIP by adding intersection improvements at 2 locations.

The proposed amendment includes funds for design and construction of intersection improvements at key locations along access routes to Aberdeen Proving Ground in Harford County and Fort Meade in Anne Arundel County.

This amendment includes:

MD 22 at MD 462, MD 22 at Old Post Road, US 40 at MD 7/MD 159, and US 40 at MD 715 totaling \$31,882,000

MD 175 at Reece Road, MD 175 at Mapes Road, MD 175 at Disney Road and MD 175 at Rockenbach Road totaling \$31,588,000

### Public Review and Comment

A public review period will be held from **May 14 to June 15, 2009**. Public meetings were held by MDOT for the Fort George G. Meade intersection projects on March 31, 2009, and for the Aberdeen Proving Ground intersection projects on March 26, 2009. All public comments submitted during those public meetings, as well as this comment period, will be considered by the BRTB.

### Share Your Thoughts

The public is invited to review and comment on the proposed amendment.

To share your thoughts and ideas, please submit all comments in writing to The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, 2700 Lighthouse Point East, Suite 310, Baltimore, MD 21224, by fax to 410-732-8248, by e-mail to [comments@baltometro.org](mailto:comments@baltometro.org), or online at [www.baltometro.org/bboard](http://www.baltometro.org/bboard).

Comments postmarked by June 15 will be accepted no later than 3 days after the end of the comment period.

For more information visit [www.baltometro.org](http://www.baltometro.org) or contact Monica Haines Benkhedda at 410-732-0500 x1047 or [mhaines@baltometro.org](mailto:mhaines@baltometro.org).

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# 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program & Air Quality Report

Over \$1.3 billion dollars worth of transportation projects and improvements are being proposed in this transportation program, released for review by the BRTB.

The draft of the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Baltimore region contains a list of transportation priorities and projects for which federal funding will be requested over the next 4 years.

Projects included in this draft include Lexington Market transit improvements, Mobility bus implementation, deck replacement of the Abingdon Road bridge, overhaul of Metro railcars, hybrid MTA buses, and planning for the Red Line.

Also, an air quality report looking at the potential impact these transportation projects could have on the region's air quality is also being released for public review. The report concludes that implementation of projects in the 2010-2013 TIP does not worsen the region's air quality or delay the timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

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## Join us at a Public Meeting

A public meeting on the Draft 2010-2013 TIP and Air Quality report will be held on Wednesday, June 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. with presentations at 4 and 5:30 p.m. at the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (2700 Lighthouse Point East, Ste 310).

Comments may also be submitted at the BRTB meetings at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26 or Tuesday, June 23, 2009.

For more information visit [www.baltometro.org](http://www.baltometro.org) or contact Monica Haines Benkhedda at 410-732-0500 x1047 or [mhaines@baltometro.org](mailto:mhaines@baltometro.org).

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