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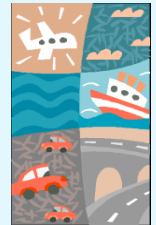
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TRANSPORTATION ADVOCATES MEET NEXT TUESDAY

The next meeting of the Transportation Advocates (Howard County) will be held on Tuesday morning, March 8, 2005 from 7:45 AM to 9 AM at the Florence Bain Senior Center, 5460 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia. Coffee will be available at 7:30 AM.

The featured speaker will be Simon Taylor, the Director of Planning and Statewide Transit for the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA). Mr. Taylor is responsible for environmental planning for transit projects as well as overseeing the locally operated Maryland transit systems. Mr. Taylor will discuss planned public transportation services, coordination of MTA routes with Howard Transit routes and the connectivity of services in the Baltimore region. He may be able to provide the current status of budget requests for the coming year. A question-and-answer session will follow Mr. Taylor's remarks. In addition, attendees will get updates on local transit news, including details about Neighbor Ride's first 3 months of operations.



If you have any questions, please contact Richard Kirchner at 410-995-0125 or at r.f.kirchner@worldnet.att.net

MTA HOLDS MEETINGS ABOUT SENIOR RIDES GRANTS PROGRAM

In anticipation of receiving state funds for the Maryland Senior Rides Demonstration Program (SRDP) in July of 2005, the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) is now accepting applications for grant funding. The primary focus of this program is to encourage and facilitate the development of volunteer transportation services for low-income to moderate-income seniors. To be eligible for a SRDP grant, a program applicant must be a government agency, nonprofit entity, or tax-exempt faith-based agency that provides transportation services. Grants awarded will require a 25% funding match.

The MTA will host a series of informational meetings around the state to distribute applications and to answer any questions regarding the program. For more information about this meeting or the SRDP, please call the program managers, Ms. Trina Trotman at 410-767-7272 or Debra Adams at 410-767-8356.

MEETINGS IN OUR AREA

The following meetings will be held in the Baltimore Metropolitan Region:

Tuesday, March 8, 2005 - 10:00 am
Transportation Association of Maryland
11735 Homewood Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042
410-730-6312

Wednesday, March 9, 2005 - 10:00 am
Baltimore Metropolitan Council
2700 Lighthouse Point East, Suite 310
Baltimore, MD 21224
P: 410-732-0500 x1037

HARFORD COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES HOLDS MEETING



The Harford County Commission on Disabilities will be meeting this coming Monday, March 7, 2005 at 5:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Historic Bel Air Colored High School (205 Hays St. in Bel Air, MD). At this meeting, attendees will hear from the Accessibility Committee about the "Ramps for Renters and Homeowners Program." In addition, members will hear from the Education and Government and Community Relations Committee. The Transportation Steering Committee and the Commission on Disabilities Strategic Plan for 2005/2006.

The public is invited to attend. For disability-related accommodations, directions, or information, contact Sharon Grzanka, 410-638-3373 voice/TTY or disability@co.ha.md.us.

The Commission serves as an advocate and works to address issues facing the 31,617 citizens with disabilities in Harford County. Specifically, members work to assess needs, investigate opportunities for improvements in quality of life, and support community participation. Their vision is that all people with disabilities in the area are provided equal opportunity to participate in all community activities. [To learn more about the Commission or to read their 2004 Annual Report, click here](#)

PUBLIC FORUMS ON PORT LAND USE REPORT - COMMENTS WANTED



The Port Land Use Development Advisory Council (PLUDAC) has completed a draft of the Port Land Use Maritime Industrial Retention and Growth Management Strategy and is seeking public comment on recommendations included in the document.

Public Forums are scheduled for Baltimore County, Baltimore City and Anne Arundel County at the times and locations identified below.

Accommodations are available for persons with disabilities. To arrange assistance or request additional information please contact

Judy London, Maryland Department of Transportation, Office of Real Estate: 410 865 1234 or jlondon@mdot.state.md.us.

[For more information about Port Land use and the MD Port Administration, click here](#)

Baltimore County
March 16, 2005 @ 7:00 p.m.
Dundalk Renaissance Corporation
General Membership Meeting
81 Shipping Place
Baltimore, Maryland 21222

Baltimore City
March 17, 2005 @ 6:00 p.m.
Baltimore Metropolitan Council Offices
2700 Lighthouse Point, East Suite 310
Baltimore, Maryland 21224

Anne Arundel County
March 24, 2005 @ 7:30 p.m.
Greater Pasadena Council
General Membership Meeting
Eastern District Police Station
3700 Mountain Road
(Hog Neck Road and Edwin Raynor Blvd)
Pasadena, Maryland 21122

NEED A SPEAKER AT YOUR NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING?

Need a speaker at your next meeting? Interested in learning more? Then, invite us to speak at your next meeting!

We have a talented team of transportation professionals who are available to give talks on a variety of issues. Our speakers can help communities, non-profits and advocacy groups explore ways to improve our transportation system and how you can get involved in regional transportation planning. We can provide information about planning or project activities, listen to your concerns, answer questions, and tell you how you can continue to stay involved.



Presentations can be geared to fit your group's specific needs, interests and/or age levels. Popular topics include:

- Transportation and Air Quality: Information on how transportation and air quality fit together, how they're regulated, and what it means to you.
- Regional Transportation Planning Process: What is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and why is it important?
- Transportation 2030 - Long Range Transportation Plan: Do you want to see what transportation will be like in 2030? Take a look at this plan, see how it was developed and maintained, and why it is so important to our community.
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning and Safety: Information on the plans and planning process for our current and future pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Demographics and Development Trends: Information on growth and changes in our region's population, housing, etc.
- Public Participation and Transportation Planning: How citizen's can get involved at the regional level with one of the BRTB's committees and more!

If we don't have a speaker at BMC for the topic you are interested in, we can do our best to refer you to another agency or person. This service is free of charge. To schedule a speaker, call Regina Aris at 410-732-9572.

[For more information on the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, click here.](#)

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