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TRANSPORTATION 2030 MOVING ALONG

Thank you to everyone who submitted comments on Transportation 2030!

The BRTB is currently reviewing these comments. Once these are reviewed and any revisions to the plan are made, the BRTB will look to approve Transportation 2030 and the Conformity Determination by Resolution at the December 14 board meeting. Copies of the final documents will then be 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. The BRTB is proud to present to the region this plan, describing major capacity projects totaling approximately \$6.7 billion. [Click here to see an agenda of the December 14 Board Meeting](#)

POCKET GUIDE HELPS RIDERS WITH DISABILITIES

The Easter Seals Project ACTION recently announced the completion of The Transit Operator's Pocket Guide, a laminated brochure designed to inform transit operators on how to better serve passengers with disabilities. Project ACTION worked with a panel of industry experts to develop this guide, which contains basic information on serving passengers with disabilities, written to comply with ADA regulations for transit agencies.

Included in the Pocket Guide is information on:

- Communicating with customers with disabilities
- Serving customers who use mobility devices and/or service animals
- Pre-Trip accessibility inspections
- Priority seating
- Calling out stops

If you are a transportation agency employee, a disability advocate, or just a concerned passenger, please check out this new item. The Transit Operator's Pocket Guide will be a necessary addition to every fixed-route vehicle!

[Click here to download a copy of the brochure \(PDF\)](#)



A NEW WAY TO PAY! MTA INTRODUCES NEW FAREBOXES

The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) is introducing Maryland Transit Pass to improve transit services in the region. The new fare system will offer new ways to pay for transit.

The new way to pay is part of the State's initiative to increase transit ridership.

There will be new fareboxes that will look a little different, but you will still be able to pay cash for each trip or show your monthly pass to ride.

The full benefits of the new fareboxes and Maryland Transit Pass will be tested and launched over the next year.

Maryland Transit Pass is one of the strategies to provide a trip across different transit systems in the region to improve existing customers and attract new riders. Future Maryland Transit Pass will include Baltimore Metro Subway, Train, Commuter Bus, and locally operated transit systems in regional system is fully implemented, Maryland Transit Pass travel across the Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Northern the future, your Maryland Transit Pass card can have value saving you time.



seamless, connected transit services for expansion of Light Rail, MARC Maryland. When the cards will be used for Virginia region. In automatically loaded,

For more information visit www.mdtransitpass.com or phone the customer service center at 410-539-5000 or 1-866-RIDE-MTA (743-3682) [Click here to get further details on this new system](#)

HOW MEAN ARE MARYLANDS STREETS FOR PEDESTRIANS?

The Surface Transportation Policy Project (STPP)'s Mean Streets 2004 study, issued this morning, reveals that walking remains the most dangerous mode of transportation, and some areas of the country are becoming markedly more dangerous.

The study, released by STPP in conjunction with AARP, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, American Planning Association, American Public Health Association (APHA), American Society of Landscape Architects, prominent local and state policymakers who are leaders on pedestrian safety and numerous state and local transportation advocates, assesses the data and recommends specific actions that governments can take to increase pedestrian safety.

Mean Streets' findings include:

- In 2003, 4,827 Americans (11.3 percent of all traffic fatalities) died while crossing the street, walking to school or work, going to a bus stop, or strolling to the grocery, among other daily activities. Over the ten-year period 1994-2003, 51,989 pedestrians have died on U.S. streets.
- Senior citizens, African-American and Latino pedestrians suffer a fatality rate well in excess of the population at large.
- Despite a decline in the total number of pedestrian fatalities over the decade and even though walking as a share of total trips declined even faster, more than half of the nation's 50 largest metropolitan areas grew more dangerous. [Click here to read the full report!](#)

How does Maryland rank? 2002-2003 Pedestrian Deaths in Maryland

2002 pedestrian fatalities: 105	2003 pedestrian fatalities: 115
Avg. annual pedestrian fatality rate per 100,000 residents: 2.01	
Total pedestrian fatalities: 220	Percent of all traffic deaths that were pedestrians: 16.8%

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