

Presentations on Transportation 2030 Get Underway

A key opportunity for public input into the development of Transportation 2030 has begun. Presentations are being held to share information about regional transportation planning and what the BRTB does. The presentations will also provide information on the opportunity for you to provide input in the spring of 2004 during an important period in developing Transportation 2030.

All candidate projects for Transportation 2030 have been submitted by the local jurisdictions and the State of Maryland. The candidate projects will be evaluated to determine how they fit with the region's transportation goals (go to <http://www.baltometro.org/pdfs/T2030goals.pdf>) and how they score on safety, cost effectiveness, connectivity, and other technical criteria. Go to <http://www.baltometro.org/>



Paul Foer, the Transportation Marketing Specialist for the City of Annapolis, MD, talks about transit options at a meeting held by the Arnold Preservation Council and TransAACT. Information on Transportation 2030 was presented earlier in the meeting.

[pdfs/T2030pripol.pdf](http://www.baltometro.org/pdfs/T2030pripol.pdf) and <http://www.baltometro.org/pdfs/T2030pritech.pdf> to view the evaluation criteria.



Central Maryland Safety Trends & Programs

Statistics provided by the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) show some good news and some bad news in highway safety trends for Central Maryland. The good news is that the fatality rate (number of fatalities per million vehicle miles traveled) has slightly decreased over the past 5 years. The bad news is that the actual number of fatalities and total crashes has increased over the same period. SHA defines Central Maryland as Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford County and Howard County.

The number of fatalities along the region's roadways has gone up slightly from 255 in 1998 to 259 in 2002, while the total number of crashes has in-

By the spring of 2004, all of the projects will have been evaluated and ranked. At that time, you will be able to review and comment on these results. You will have an opportunity to express your support or concerns about the ranking of the projects, whether it is the entire list you're looking at or particular projects. In the past, comments have ranged from support for the list of projects to requests that a particular project be removed from the list. The BRTB considers all comments in deciding the final list of projects.

Below is a list of presentations that have already taken place and a list of presentations scheduled for 2004. More presentations will be scheduled in the coming months so be sure to check back. If your organization would like to sponsor a presentation, contact Susan Aceti at 410-732-0500, x1047 or saceti@baltometro.org. Also, see related Transportation 2030 article on page 6.

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Forum Focuses On Future Federal Transportation Funding



Emil H. Frankel, Assistant Secretary of U.S. DOT, Janet S. Owens, BMC Chair and Anne Arundel County Executive and Congressman Benjamin L. Cardin at the forum.

On September 16, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council convened a public forum that brought together elected and appointed officials to discuss the prospects for passage of new federal transportation legislation. This forum attracted a large audience eager to hear members of Congress, and federal, state and regional officials discuss issues related to the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21).

At the time this forum was held, the existing TEA-21 legislation, which had provided federal transportation funding

since 1998, was scheduled to expire within two weeks. Public concern about prospects for timely Congressional passage of new national transportation legislation drew a very attentive audience. Protracted debate between Congress and Bush Administration officials concerning funding levels and other aspects of the Administration's SAFETEA legislative proposal heightened national apprehension as the clock ticked down toward the September 30th expiration of TEA-21.

The forum was chaired by Janet S. Owens, Anne Arundel County Executive and Chair of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council. The distinguished members of the panel presenting their views on the vital public issues at stake in the national debate over TEA-21 reauthorization were Senator Paul S. Sarbanes, Congressman Benjamin L. Cardin, Emil H. Frankel - Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Trent M. Kittleman - Deputy Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation, and Jack Basso of the American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials.

It was the consensus of the panel that Congress would enact temporary legislation to extend the provisions of TEA-21 while the national debate in Congress seeks to find middle ground over transportation funding levels and program priorities.

FY 2004-2008 TIP Approved by BRTB

November 12th began a 30-day review and comment period for the five-year transportation improvement program (TIP) and the accompanying air quality conformity determination. The review period included the opportunity to comment at the BRTB meeting of the region's elected executives on November 18th at 5:30 p.m. The 30 days concluded with a public meeting on December 8th where comments were accepted. The full TIP and air quality documents are available online with a searchable database (http://bmc.baltometro.org/tips_web).

Conformity of the 2004-2008 TIP is based on the approved MOBILE6 budget and is also compared to the proposed Rate-of-Progress budget; both are parts of the state implementation plan (SIP), the mechanism that works to ensure that Maryland meets national air quality standards for the protection of human health and the environment.

At the December 16th meeting of the BRTB, the 2004-2008 TIP with the accompanying air quality determination was approved. The documents have been submitted to federal agencies for their review and approval.

For additional information on these documents, please contact Regina Aris at 410/732-9572 or raris@baltometro.org.

Stay Enlightened

If you want to stay up to date on BRTB events and activities, don't miss the "Spotlight on . . ." feature at BMC's website at www.baltometro.org. Click on the spotlight and you'll be linked to new documents available for review, new

reports, upcoming events or other interesting features.



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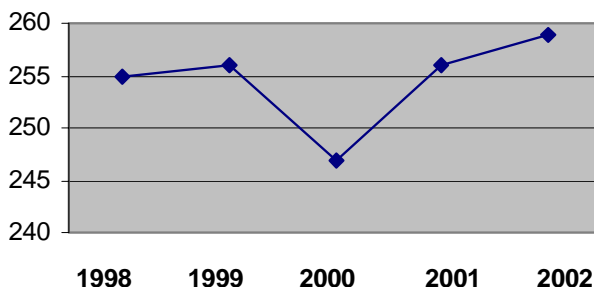
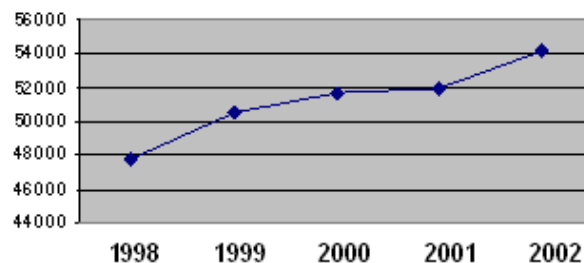
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creased from fewer than 48,000 in 1998 to more than 54,000 in 2002 (13 percent increase - see charts on page 3).

The number of fatalities is higher than those in the other regions of Maryland which are defined as Western Maryland, the D.C. Area, Southern Maryland and the Eastern Shore. However, Central Maryland ranks second lowest in fatality rate per miles traveled, and lowest when compared to regional population and number of registered vehicles versus the other regions of the state (see table, bottom right).

In an effort to improve safety along our highways, SHA works with the Maryland State Police and other local law enforcement agencies to develop numerous highway safety programs. Supported by federal and state grants, these programs cover the 'Three E's' of highway safety: Enforcement, Engineering and Education, and target not only vehicular safety but pedestrian and bicycle safety as well. Several specific areas that the highway safety programs address are aggressive driving, impaired drivers, older drivers and pedestrian safety. For more information on any of these programs, please contact the Maryland Highway Safety Office at 410-787-4050.

TOTAL ACCIDENTS



NUMBER OF FATALITIES

2002 Maryland Fatality Rates

	Fatalities	VMT (millions)	Rate	Population*	Rate	Registered Vehicles**	Rate
Central MD	259	23,900	1.1	2,552,366	1.0	1,999,378	1.3
Western MD	57	6,010	0.9	444,939	1.3	417,497	1.4
DC Area	208	15,485	1.3	1,720,629	1.2	1,292,442	1.6
Southern MD	49	2,639	1.9	294,760	1.7	283,691	1.7
Eastern Shore	88	5,726	1.5	405,654	2.2	400,908	2.2

Source * MD Department of Planning; ** MVA

Baltimore Regional Transportation Board Meeting Highlights

On September 9th the elected officials heard from 3 individuals on continued transit services, the Red & Green line and about an event on October 28th to celebrate Maryland's contribution to aviation. The Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA), provided an overview of the I-95 Master Plan to the BRTB. BRTB members discussed several issues with MdTA representatives and will continue to participate in the planning process.

At the October 28th meeting, the BRTB approved Resolution #04-1 in support of a new urbanized boundary

for the Baltimore metropolitan area, and Resolution #04-6 endorsing a revised Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan with a mobile source emissions budget for the Baltimore region. The BRTB was briefed on a retreat held by the Technical Committee, received an update on the 2004-2008 TIP, began discussing the FY 2005 UPWP, heard the status of the reauthorization of TEA-21, reviewed a report on congestion monitoring using GPS and was presented with findings on person trips in the central business district of Baltimore City.

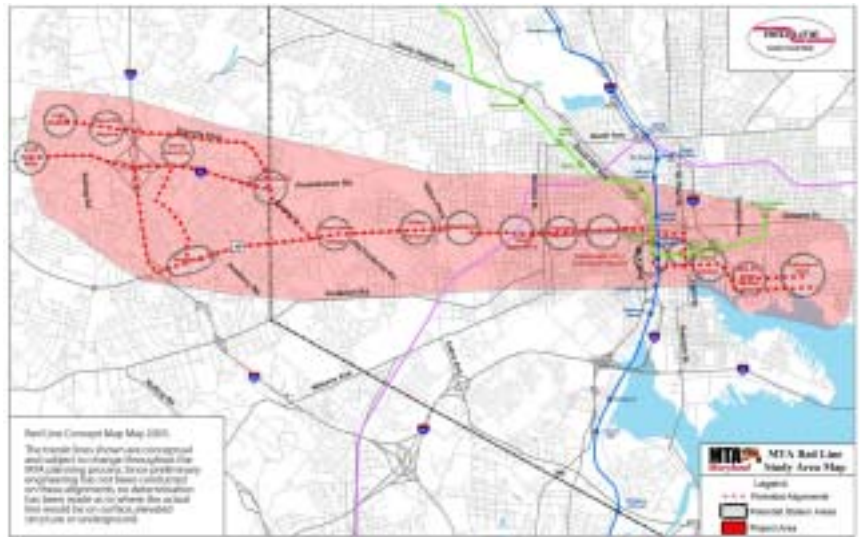
At the November 18th meeting of the BRTB, the elected officials discussed the recommendations of the Management & Operations Partnership for the coming year. The top 3 recommendations included funding for 2 traffic signal timing studies, support for automated speed enforcement legislation, and training opportunities for local jurisdictions. The officials then heard an update on emergency management software and potential options. Last, MDOT presented an overview of progress they are making on updating the State's long-range transportation plan.

Red and Green Lines Under Study

Options are being formulated as part of the MTA-initiated scoping process currently underway for the Red and Green Line priority segments of the Baltimore Region Transit Plan. Options will include an extension of the existing Metro line, light rail transit, and bus rapid transit. The Baltimore Regional Travel Demand Model will be one of the tools used to select from among the host of options for future transit investment. A technical workgroup including representatives from BMC, MTA and private consultants will guide this technical study of transit alternatives for the Red and Green Line corridors. The results of the study, combined with public comment and other policy considerations, will be used to rank the alternatives for eventual prioritization and project selection.

As shown below, the Red Line corridor extends from Patterson Park to the Social Security complex to the west. The Green Line corridor extends north from the existing Johns Hopkins Hospital terminus to reach Morgan State University and Good Samaritan Hospital. The exact path and station locations have not yet been chosen and, at this stage, there is no clear local preference that stands out among the many possible route pathways or specific modes. By using the Mode Choice component of the Baltimore Regional Travel Demand Model completed in 2000, BMC staff can test each alternative with a comparison to a no-build scenario as it relates to ridership forecasting. The analysis produced by BMC staff will include a brief description of the travel demand model, proposed alternatives and associated assumptions, station and line-level forecasts of ridership, and a report documenting the results.

Expected to be completed in the summer of 2004, the results of the study will feed directly into MTA's Draft Environmental Impact Statement, where further evaluation and refinement of the alternatives will occur.



Timeline for Transportation 2030 projects



Upcoming Transportation 2030 public participation activities will include presentations at community meetings through spring 2004.

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SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

JANUARY 6, 2004 @ 7:45 A.M.

SPONSOR: TRANSPORTATION ADVOCATES OF HOWARD COUNTY
LOCATION: FLORENCE BAIN SENIOR CENTER, COLUMBIA
GEOGRAPHIC AREA: HOWARD COUNTY
BRTB MEMBER: CARL BALSER

MARCH 24, 2004 @ 10 A.M.

SPONSOR: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
LOCATION: CHARLESTOWN RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, CATONSVILLE
GEOGRAPHIC AREA: BALTIMORE & HOWARD COUNTIES
BRTB MEMBER: EMERY HINES & CARL BALSER

DATE AND TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED

SPONSOR: THE VALLEYS PLANNING COUNCIL
LOCATION: VILLA JULIE COLLEGE
GEOGRAPHIC AREA: BALTIMORE COUNTY
(PRIMARILY RURAL AREAS)
BRTB MEMBER: EMERY HINES

SPONSOR: SIERRA CLUB
LOCATION: TBA
GEOGRAPHIC AREA: BALTIMORE REGION
BRTB MEMBER: AL FOXX & EMERY HINES

Previously Held Presentations

10/9/03

Freedom Area Citizens Council

Carroll County
Jeanne Joiner

10/21/03

**League of Women Voters —
Baltimore City**

Baltimore City
Al Foxx

10/28/03

**Howard County Public
Transportation Board**

Howard County
Carl Balsler

10/29/03

**Arnold Preservation Council and
TransAACT**

Anne Arundel County
Harvey Gold



Participants at the Arnold Preservation Council/TransAACT meeting listen to presenters.

Information on BRTB Members Participating in Presentations

- **Al Foxx** is the Director of the Baltimore City Department of Transportation
- **Carl Balsler** is the Chief of the Division of Transportation Planning for the Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning
- **Harvey Gold** is a Senior Transportation Planner for the Anne Arundel County Department of Planning and Zoning
- **Emery Hines** is a Senior Transportation Planner for the Baltimore County Department of Public Works

Two BMC Staff Elected Trade Association Officers

Two BMC staff have been elected president of area transportation trade associations.

Hubert Clay, a Transportation Planner-ITS at BMC, was recently elected President of the Intelligent Transportation Society of Maryland

(ITS Maryland). ITS Maryland is the state chapter of ITS America, an association of public agencies, private companies, and academic institutions that support and promote the deployment of safe, efficient, integrated, and inter-modal intelligent transportation systems. ITS Maryland provides a forum for coordination, communications, education, training, and outreach among all interested organizations and individuals.

Bala Akundi was recently elected the President of the Washington, D.C. Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (WDCSITE) for the year 2004. The WDCSITE comprises about 800 transportation professionals in the Maryland, DC, and Northern Virginia area. Mr. Akundi was elected to the Section as the Baltimore area Director in 2002 and as Secretary/Treasurer in 2003. He also served as the Technical Programs Chair for 2000 and 2001 and as registration Chair for the District 2 meeting held in Baltimore in May of 2003. He is the recipient of the Section's Young Engineer of the Year award for 2000. As a Senior Transportation Engineer at the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC), he is responsible for managing the regional traffic data collection program, preparing traffic trends reports and a variety of other transportation planning projects.



Development of Transportation 2030 Continues

The first phase of Transportation 2030, reviewing the goals and technical methods, is complete. The next phase involves receiving project information from the local jurisdictions and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). This information from the jurisdictions and MDOT includes details about the projects to be considered for the plan, the amount of funding that is forecasted to be available, and demographic information indicating projected population and households out to the year 2030. All of this information serves as inputs into the travel demand model to help prioritize and select the projects for the plan. The full candidate project list will be available for review in January. Projects cannot be changed or added once prioritization begins in mid-December. The prioritization process serves as a tool to guide decision makers on how best to direct federal money for transportation projects.

In December, BMC staff will have the list of Existing and Committed projects (E&C) available for review. This list of projects identifies recently completed projects and those with secure funding to be constructed by 2008. These projects are also updated in the travel demand model.

Also in December a list of regionally important projects should be available. This is a list of projects that meet criteria to 'skip' the prioritization process. All jurisdictions in the region agree that they benefit the whole region and want to identify them as the first set of projects to fund. Note that projects which are under the responsibility of the Maryland Transportation Authority do not receive federal funding. These projects will be included in the plan and the travel demand model, but will not be included in the prioritization process. Projects on I-95 under the responsibility of SHA are federally-funded and will be considered regionally important.



Community Profiles to be Available in December

The Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) recently unveiled a series of Community Profiles, designed to bring the region's varied and diverse communities into better focus by drawing together a broad selection of data and information into one repository. Data from the Census, BMC's Building Permit Data System, BMC's employment database, and socioeconomic projections from the BRTB's Cooperative Forecasting Group have been combed for the information deemed most relevant and useful for planners and the public to gauge the strengths and weaknesses of their communities.

Each Community Profile (94 total for the Baltimore region) consists of several pages of data in tabular form, arranged so that comparisons over time are easily made. Data headings include population, households, housing, labor force, employment, education, income, residential and commercial development, and socioeconomic projections. Detailed maps accompany the data, which also contain information on each community's largest employers and

major recent development projects.

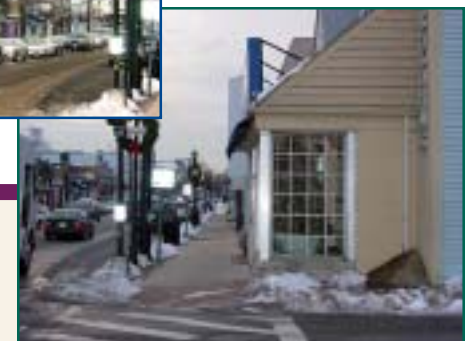
While the Community Profiles are envisioned as a useful tool for planners and policymakers, the resource has wide applicability for other individuals and organizations. Community groups, neighborhood organizations, local non-profits and other non-governmental organizations have a need for data about communities, but often lack the resources to collect and organize data themselves. Basic information about population, housing, income, education, residential and commercial development, employment and employers, etc., all help to frame the important issues in a community, and may help to identify policy initiatives or indicate where areas of further study may be needed.

Additionally, selected information is provided at even smaller levels of geography to help identify disparities in income, housing, or

population density (among other variables) within a community.

The Community Profiles have also been designed to aid research endeavors in other professions, such as residential and commercial development, marketing, and others. The Profiles may also provide much-needed information for businesses that may be looking to relocate or expand operations in the Baltimore region.

Watch BMC's website for more information on how the profiles will be available.



COMMUNITY PROFILE: CATONSVILLE

RPD 324: Baltimore County

PEOPLE	1990	2000	diff. '90-'00	% diff '90-'00	% '00 Total
Total Population	29,919	33,555	3,636	12.2%	100.0%
White Population	26,107	26,990	883	3.4%	80.4%
Black Population	3,147	4,511	1,364	43.3%	13.4%
Other Non-White	665	2,054	1,389	208.9%	6.1%
Hispanic Pop	310	618	308	99.4%	1.8%
Pop 0-4 Years Old	1,758	1,676	-82	-4.7%	5.0%
Pop 5-17	3,530	4,744	1,214	34.4%	14.1%
Pop 18-44	13,065	13,356	291	2.2%	39.8%
Pop 45-64	5,197	6,749	1,552	29.9%	20.1%
Pop 65+	6,369	7,030	661	10.4%	21.0%
Pop <18	5,288	6,420	1,132	21.4%	19.1%
Median Age	37.1	39.0	2.0	5.3%	N/A

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