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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPEN FOR 3 AMENDMENTS TO 2014-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

BALTIMORE, MD (January 8, 2015) – The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) will accept public comments for three amendments proposed for the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) until **Tuesday, February 10**. Proposed amendments include streetscaping, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and public transit. The BRTB will vote on the amendments on **Tuesday, February 24, at 9 a.m.**

The 2014-2017 TIP, which is the list of regional transportation projects requesting funding, includes more than \$2 billion in proposed federal, state and local money for highway, transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects during the next four years. The funding goes towards maintaining, operating and expanding the transportation system. The TIP is fiscally constrained.

- The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) proposes adding to the TIP a new **Hampstead Main Street Revitalization Project** in Carroll County. The improvements would occur on MD 30 Business, from North Woods Trail to the CSX Railroad, and include reconstructing the existing roadway with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalks; bicycle facilities; drainage system and storm water management facilities; landscaping; and curb and gutter, crosswalks, and driveway entrances.

Adding this project to the TIP allows SHA to use \$1.2 million in state funds for Fiscal Year 2016 and \$8.2 million in state funds for FY 2017. SHA completed preliminary engineering for this project, and hosted a public meeting with the community in November 2014.

- Baltimore City proposes updating the \$4.4 million **Reconnect West Baltimore Project**, which would enhance bicycle and pedestrian accessibility on the Fulton Avenue Bridge and around US 40, between Calhoun Street and Fulton Avenue. The amendment would update the funding to reflect a Transportation, Community

and System Preservation (TCSP) grant, as well as additional National Highway Performance Programming funding.

This project supports Baltimore City's long-term vision of a sustainable transportation network in West Baltimore that provides affordable commuting options for low-income populations.

- The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) proposes updating the \$4.6 million **Capital Assistance for Small Urban Transit Systems Project** to reflect changes to Section 5307 funds and adding Section 5339 funds. The capital assistance project will help small urban transit systems such as Harford County Transportation Services and Carroll County to purchase vehicles, equipment and facilities.

The BRTB will host a public meeting about the amendments in conjunction with the Public Advisory Committee on **Wednesday, February 4, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**, at the Baltimore Metropolitan Council's office, located at the Offices @ McHenry Row, 1500 Whetstone Way, Baltimore City, 21230.

In addition, public comments will be accepted by email at comments@baltometro.org; by fax at 410-732-8248; on Twitter [@BaltoMetroCo](https://twitter.com/BaltoMetroCo) and [@bmoreinvolved](https://twitter.com/bmoreinvolved), using the hashtag #BRTBlistens; or by mail at:

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