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September 18, 2007



Carl Balsler
BRTB Empowered Chair
2700 Lighthouse Point East
Suite 310
Baltimore, Maryland 21224

Re: Comments to Limited English Proficiency Plan

Dear Mr. Balsler:

Thanks for taking the opportunity to forward the draft LEP for my review. From the law enforcement perspective, I find no issues that have been presented.

I certainly concur with your goal of insuring the availability of this document through various resources to our Limited English Proficiency population. By way of this correspondence, I will also ensure that other stakeholders within the Maryland Transit Administration have an opportunity to review and weigh in as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David C. Franklin".

David C. Franklin
Chief, MTA Police

DCF/acb

cc: Kathy Waters
Beverly Hill

Monica Haines

From: Robert Hellauer
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2007 4:36 PM
To: comments@baltometro.org
Subject: GBC Comments on BRTB Limited English Proficiency Plan
Attachments: 100407 gbc views on BRTB LEP report.doc

Attached please find GBC's comments on the BRTB Limited English Proficiency plan.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Robert E. Hellauer, Jr.

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Director, Regional Transportation & BRAC
Greater Baltimore Committee
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**GBC VIEWS ON THE LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLAN
OF THE BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

OCTOBER 4, 2007

**DONALD C. FRY, PRESIDENT & CEO
GREATER BALTIMORE COMMITTEE**

The Greater Baltimore Committee, the leading business organization serving Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard counties is pleased to offer its views on the draft Limited English Proficiency (LEP) plan of the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB).

The GBC concurs with the BRTB's determination that a "full LEP plan is not necessary at this time." The BRTB document notes that involvement in its public affairs by those with limited English proficiency is "infrequent and unpredictable." Some examples of this are worthy of mention in the report by means of some statistics or, if not by some amplified discussion or accounting of the problem or its apparent nonexistence.

Because there has been a lack of requests for LEP information and because targeted outreach by BRTB has been unsuccessful, the GBC thinks it advisable to begin the LEP process with some conclusive documentation of the need for such a program.

The GBC further observes that without this basic documentation of an LEP problem, there is no need to incur the time and costs associated with the development of an LEP program such as contemplated and outlined in the report by the BRTB.

It is also unclear whether this report is designed to fulfill a mandate of the federal government. If this report is mandated through federal regulation, it would be advisable to so state clearly in the text of the report.

In conclusion, the GBC notes that firm documentation of a problem should be a first step before any costs are incurred to develop a LEP program – no matter how limited such a proposed program may be.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at the below referenced address.