

# Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

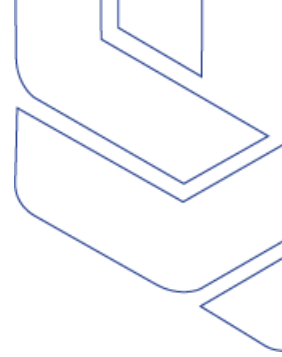
## *Certification Review*

- *BRTB Meeting Presentation*

*April 26, 2016 9:00 A.M.*



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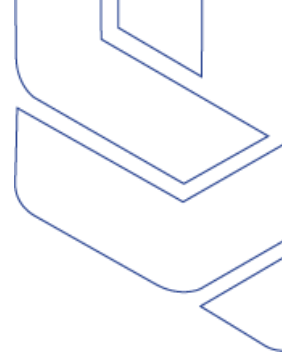
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# Overview of the Certification Process



The review consists of 3 primary activities:

1. A site visit including discussions with: MPO, MDOT, SHA, transit operators; and the general public.
2. A report prepared by FHWA/FTA summarizing review findings and certification action.
3. A closeout presentation of the review at a future MPO Policy Board Meeting.

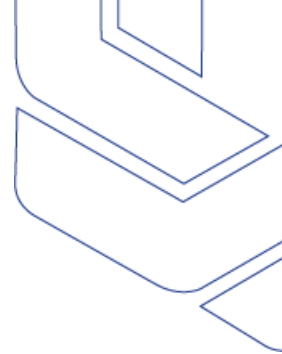


# What Is Next and What Are Possible Outcomes of This Review?

- Report issued within 60 days summarizing the discussions during the review.
- Process is certified; certified subject to certain corrective actions; certified for use of only certain construction funding categories; or
- Process is not certified; Withhold Funds; or Withhold approval of all or certain categories of projects.



# Metropolitan Transportation Planning



## Why is the process important?

- Establishes a mechanism for collaboration,
- Provides the framework for the future transportation system, and
- Due to limited funding, the MPO must prioritize the regional needs and determine the best and most economical solution.

## How is process carried out?

- Through a "3-C" approach
  - Continuing
  - Cooperative
  - Comprehensive
- With public agencies, not-for-profits, citizen and community groups and others.



# Certification Review Elements

- A Certification review occurs every 4 years
- Ensures that all federal mandates are met
- Not all possible topics are covered to same extent or in same manner

Our Federal Partners look to ensure that:

- The planning process addresses major issues facing the region
- To identify noteworthy practices and opportunities and that there is continued progress from prior reviews
- All planning partners appropriately cooperate in the planning process
- Products and process are compliant with federal regulations
- Stewardship of planning process



# Agenda for Tuesday, April 26

## Topic Areas

- MPO Board Meeting  
*(Remaining sessions are not open to the public)*
- Overview of the Certification Process of the Transportation Planning Process
- Long Range Plan, TIP, Performance Targets and Measures
- Financial Planning and Financial Constraint, Operations and Maintenance
- Transit, Ladders of Opportunity, and Consultation / Coordination
- Bicycle and Pedestrian



# Agenda for Wednesday, April 27

## Topic Areas

- Freight Planning and Congestion Management Process
- Civil Rights, Title VI, Americans with Disabilities Act, and Public Involvement Process
- Air Quality Planning and SIP Planning Conformity Issues
- Safety, ITS and Travel Demand Model
- Overview of the Unified Planning Work Program and Transportation Planning Board (including Committee Structure, Agreements, Self-Certification)
- Land Use, Livability, Sustainability, and Environmental Linkages

