Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

Certification Review

- BRTB Meeting Presentation

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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