STATE DEVELOPMENT PLAN:  
A BETTER MARYLAND

Baltimore Regional Transportation Board
Baltimore Metropolitan Council
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What is a State Development Plan

• State law* says,

(a) The Department (Planning) shall prepare and from time to time revise a plan or plans for development of the State.

(b) The Department shall prepare the Plan to promote the general welfare and prosperity of the people of the State through the coordinated development of the State.

*State Finance & Procurement Article 5-602
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• Goals:
  ▪ Enrich the lives of Marylanders
  ▪ Use smart growth principles
  ▪ Grow responsibly
  ▪ Protect Maryland’s resources
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Objectives:
- Support existing communities
- Create quality places
- Coordinate state investment
- Natural resource preservation
- Cultural, historical and heritage preservation
- Provide information and data to support local jurisdiction decisions
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The plan will not:

- be used to deny a State-issued permit or State funding.
- supersede local planning and zoning.
- supersede any local ordinance or regulations.
- prevent local funding of a project.
- require a local government to change or alter a local ordinance, regulation, or comprehensive plan.
- impose a set policy on local governments, but rather provides information, alternatives, and best practices for locals to consider and pursue - or not.
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• Why are we here:
  ▪ To engage and connect with the public, local governments, state agencies and other stakeholders across the state of Maryland and
  ▪ To solicit their feedback on what should be included in the plan and how the plan can help state agencies and local governments plan ‘A Better Maryland.’
LISTENING

• Planning wants to hear from:
  ▪ Local governments
  ▪ State agencies
  ▪ Public
  ▪ Other stakeholders
IDENTIFY LOCAL PRIORITIES
IDENTIFY INFORMATION NEEDS
INvolvement in the Process
UTILITY
**Process**

- **Listening Sessions**
  - March 18'

- **Data Collection and Analysis; Follow-up Investigations**
  - Summer 18'

- **Communication and Stakeholder feedback**
  - Winter 18'

- **A Better Maryland Completion**
  - Summer 19'
STAY INVOLVED

• Visit the Project Website at abetter.maryland.gov

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