

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT REPORT

February 2024

### ★ OPEN COMMENT PERIOD ★

#### TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BUDGET FOR FY 2025

Every year we talk with our committee members and key stakeholders about their needs and what we want to invest in next. We take everyone's feedback and come up with a list of projects and how much it will cost. Then, we share that list with the community and ask for your feedback.

Currently, we are welcoming comments on nearly \$10.6 million in federal funding for regional projects and collaborative work. A few highlights of projects include a transportation needs assessment with a focus on vulnerable populations, another section of the Patapsco Regional Greenway in the Cherry Hill area, and based on committee and community feedback, we plan to conduct scenario planning for our next long-range plan.



Visit [publicinput.com/BRTBbudget](https://publicinput.com/BRTBbudget) to learn more or check out the full budget. Comments are welcome **through March 11, 2024**.

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#### PATAPSCO REGIONAL GREENWAY: STONEY RUN

A comment period closed February 16 for a part of the Patapsco Regional Greenway that will connect to the BWI Trail in Anne Arundel and Howard Counties. The Stoney Run Trail will add another 4 miles to the greenway. Before we start to plan, we wanted to hear from the community about their hopes, needs and concerns.

Around 40 people turned out to a community meeting at the Elkridge Branch of the Howard County Library System on Tuesday, February 6.

Overall, comments from the community were positive and in support of this project. We reached nearly 1,000 people with the project page and even more on social media. We also had over 150 people participating on the PI page.



Visit [publicinput.com/prg](https://publicinput.com/prg) to see the comments.

★ SAVE THE DATE ★



## BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMISSION LAUNCHES

For those who are interested in the future of transit funding and governance, check out the newly launched Baltimore Regional Transit Commission (BRTC).

The BRTC is a result of stakeholder engagement in 2020 when we studied the future of transit governance and funding in the region. One of the recommendations was the establishment of the BRTC, which was finalized by the legislature in 2023.

The next BRTC meeting is **Friday, March 8**. Learn more at [baltometro.org/transportation/about-brtc](https://baltometro.org/transportation/about-brtc)

## FEDERAL CERTIFICATION

In April we will launch a comment period on how the BRTB is doing as your Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Our partners from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will be visiting on **May 1**, when we will hold a public meeting to hear from the community. This process is called **federal certification** and it happens every four years to make sure we, as the MPO, are staying on track and implementing previous recommendations. Stay tuned for more information in April about how you can be involved.

