

The Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore Region

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT REPORT May 2024

★ CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES ★

BIKEABLE BALTIMORE REGION PROJECT LAUNCHES

We're working to identify a bike network that's safe and comfortable for everyone, connecting our communities and making it easier to get to public transit, schools, work, parks, and more.



Join us at one of our public meetings—either in person or virtually—to share your thoughts. **Meetings will be held from June 3 to June 27, with online comments open through July 26.** There will also be another chance to give feedback in the fall.

Visit publicinput.com/bikebaltoregion to get involved today!

BRTB RELEASES \$4.5 BILLION TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR COMMENT



The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) has put together a \$4.52 billion transportation investment program for the next 4 years and we want to know what you think about it. There are 162 bicycle, transit, bridge, highway, pedestrian, and freight projects in this program. We also have an air quality assessment about the projects. Check out the interactive story map or download a detailed project list and then take our short survey or share your thoughts.

We are also hosting **two virtual meetings on June 10**, one at noon and one at 6:30pm. Please tune in to learn more and share your feedback. **Get involved at <u>publicinput.com/BRTB-TIP</u>**.

PRG: STONEY RUN (PHASE 2)

In January, we launched the design process for the Patapsco Regional Greenway - Stoney Run Trail and heard from community members about their ideas for features, concerns about the trail, and suggestions for making the trail beneficial for everyone.



Now, we are eager to hear from folks about 4 different options for where the trail should go. Comments are welcome through June 5! Visit <u>publicinput.com/PRG</u> to get involved!



LET'S MAKE EVERY WEEK BIKE TO WORK WEEK

Thank you to everyone who joined this year's Bike to Work Central Maryland program around the Baltimore region! We had over 20 events and 40 locations around the region.

"We want to make every week Bike to Work Week" says BMC Executive Director Mike Kelly, who celebrated Bike to Work Day at City Hall with Mayor Brandon M. Scott, Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller and other guests.

Missed the fun? Be sure to sign up for our mailing list and find out about other bike events or get notified about how to join next year's Bike to Work Week. Sign up at biketoworkmd.com.

★ CLOSED COMMENT PERIOD ★

FEDERAL CERTIFICATION OF THE BRTB

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conduct a review and public comment period every four years called federal certification.

For this project, we were able to reach over 45,000 people through email and social media impressions. We also met our goals of reaching over 650 people and we nearly doubled the number of participants over the last certification.

Highlights of feedback are below. Key themes include:

- CERTIFICATION REVIEW

 Are we connecting?

 Every four years, we work with our federal partners to get certified. Through this process, we ask folks in our region for feedback.

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 Let us know online, or join us in person.

 Complete our survey by May 7 at publicinput.com/BRTBcertification

 Join a meeting on May 1 at 6:30 p.m. virtually or in person at our McHenry Row office

 We want to hear from you!
- Continue to grow community engagement and improve transparency
- Increase meaningful incorporation of comments
- Continue support for local areas
- Conduct additional Educational Outreach
- Consider greater investment in transit, ADA accessibility, bridge inspections, and better stormwater control.

A report from FHWA and FTA is expected in June. Results will be shared online. Learn more at <u>publicinput.com/BRTBcertification</u>.

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Federal Certification Review

Engagement Highlights



45,500+

Emails and Social Media Impressions



650+ visitors



40 participants



(2x)

participants than 2020 Certification

Survey Highlights



think the BRTB has enough opportunity to comment

felt encouraged to participate regardless of age, income, race, or ability



How well are we planning for:

Key Themes

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