



About the BRTB

PAC New Member Orientation

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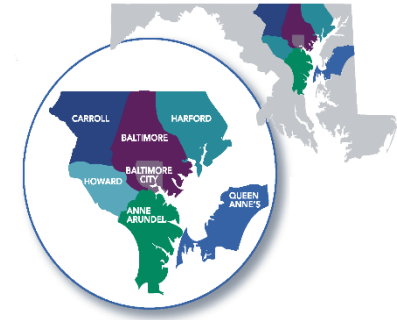
Who We Are

- **Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)**
 - work with region’s elected executives to identify mutual interests and develop collaborative strategies, plans and programs to help improve the quality of life and economic vitality
 - Staff provide technical and staff support to the BRTB
 - **Areas of Activity**
 - Air and Water Quality Programs
 - Building Permits Data System
 - Computer Mapping Applications
 - Cooperative Purchasing
 - Economic and Demographic Research
 - Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety
 - Rideshare Coordination
 - Transportation Planning
 - Housing and Workforce Development Planning



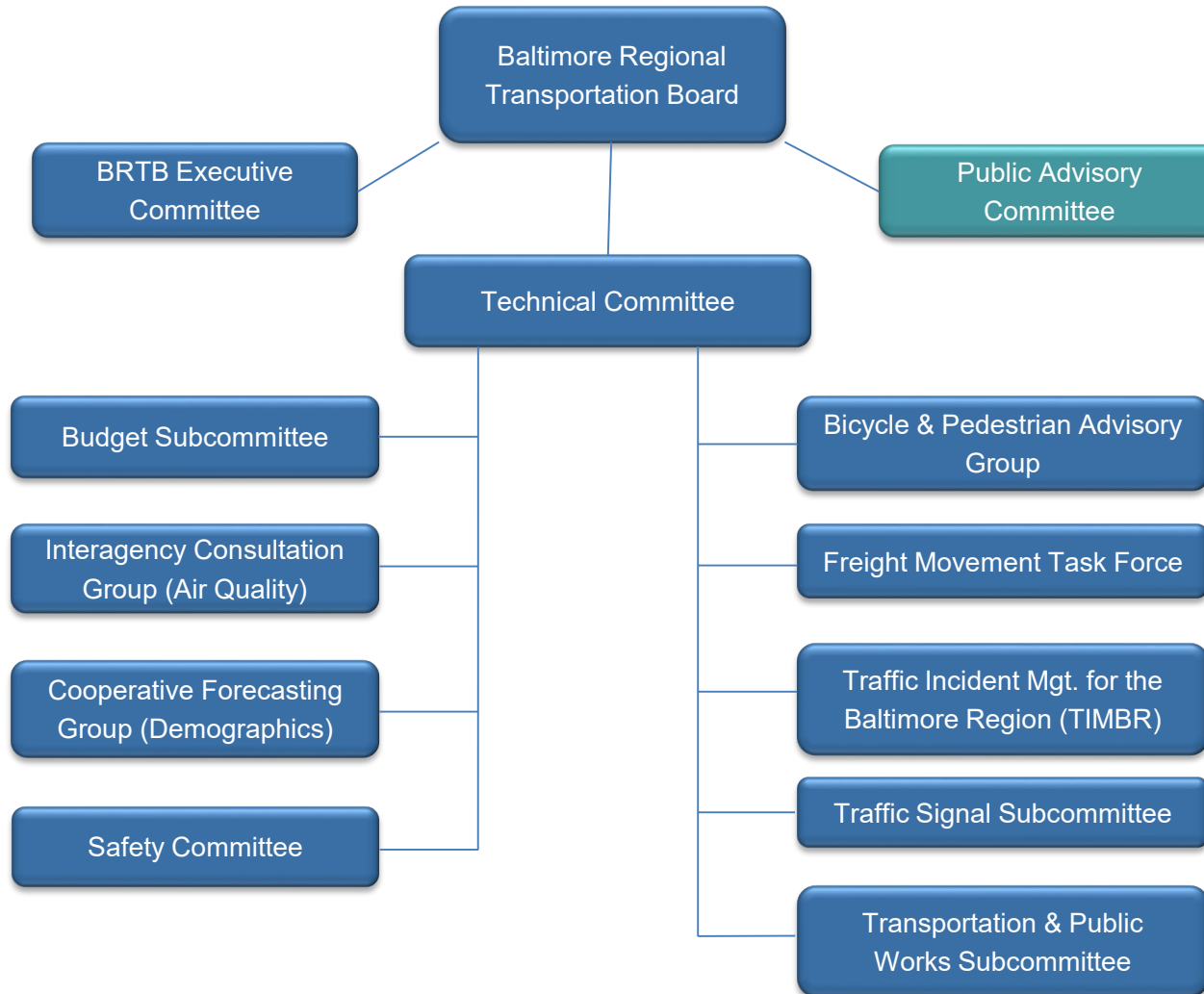
The Baltimore region includes the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore, as well as the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Queen Anne's.

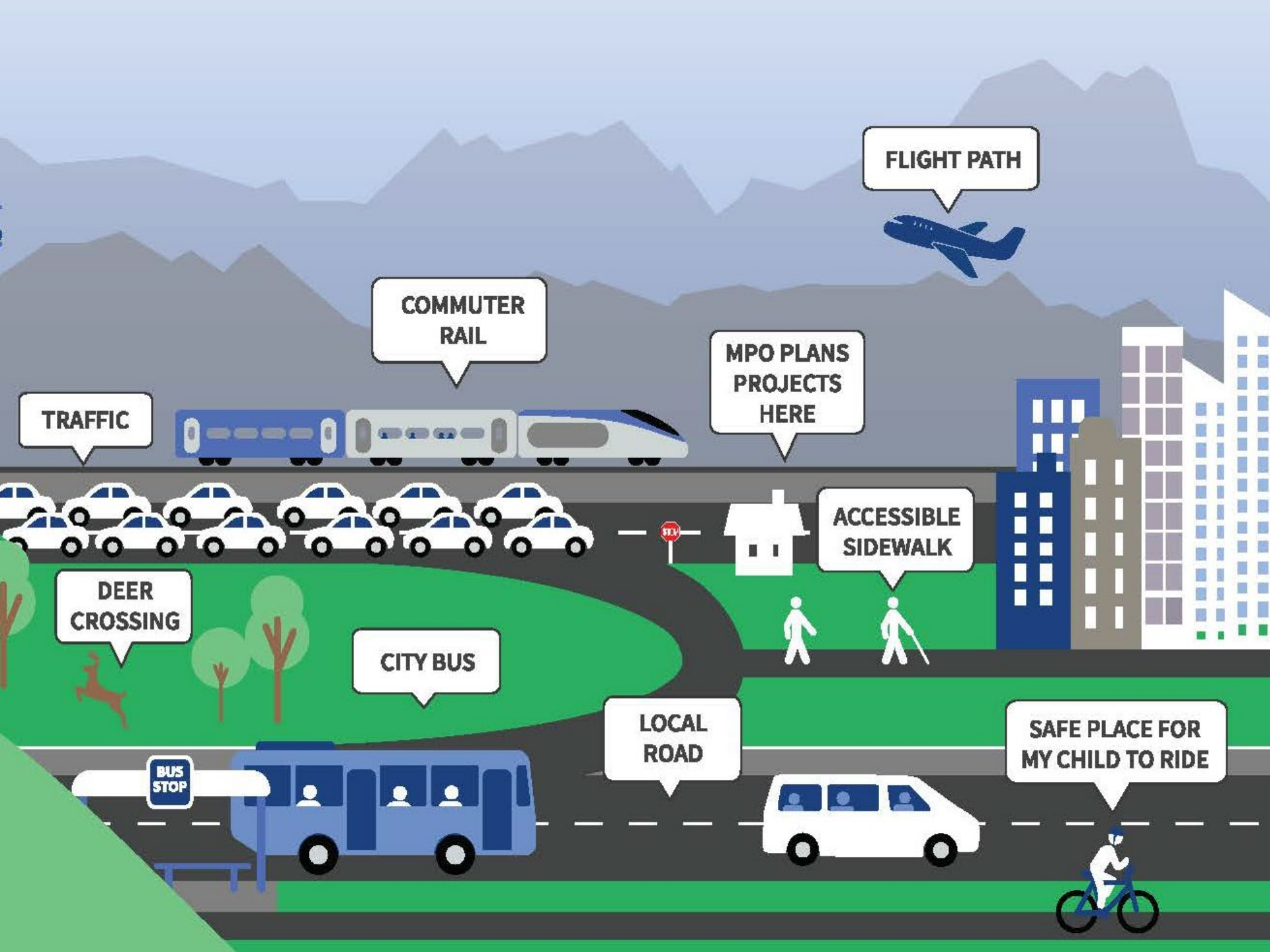
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- **Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB)**
 - Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
 - Federal funding for transportation = MPO review
- **Board Members:**
 - Cities of Annapolis and Baltimore
 - Counties: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Queen Anne's
 - Maryland Departments of Transportation, Environment and Planning
 - Maryland Transit Administration
 - Harford Transit (Transit Representative)

BRTB Subcommittees





TRAFFIC

COMMUTER
RAIL

FLIGHT PATH

MPO PLANS
PROJECTS
HERE

ACCESSIBLE
SIDEWALK

DEER
CROSSING

CITY BUS

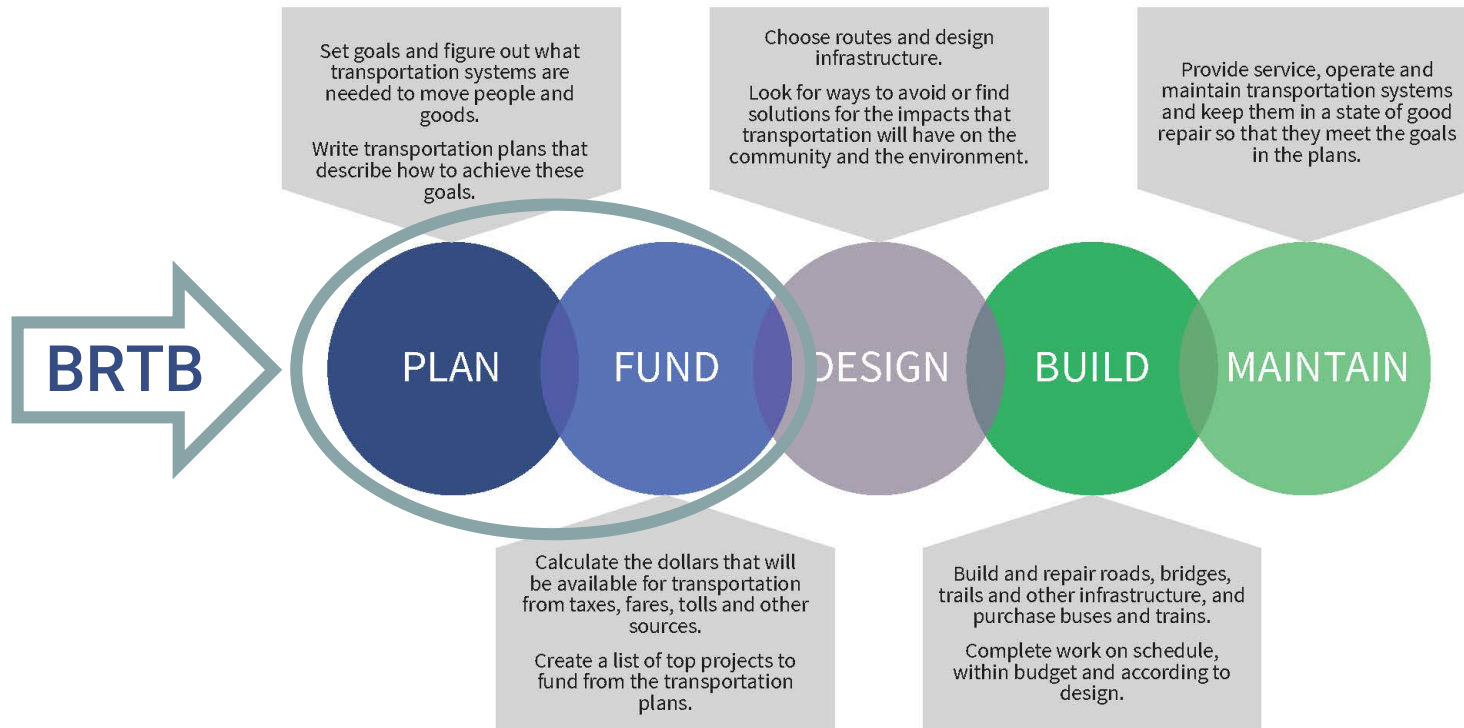
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ROAD

SAFE PLACE FOR
MY CHILD TO RIDE

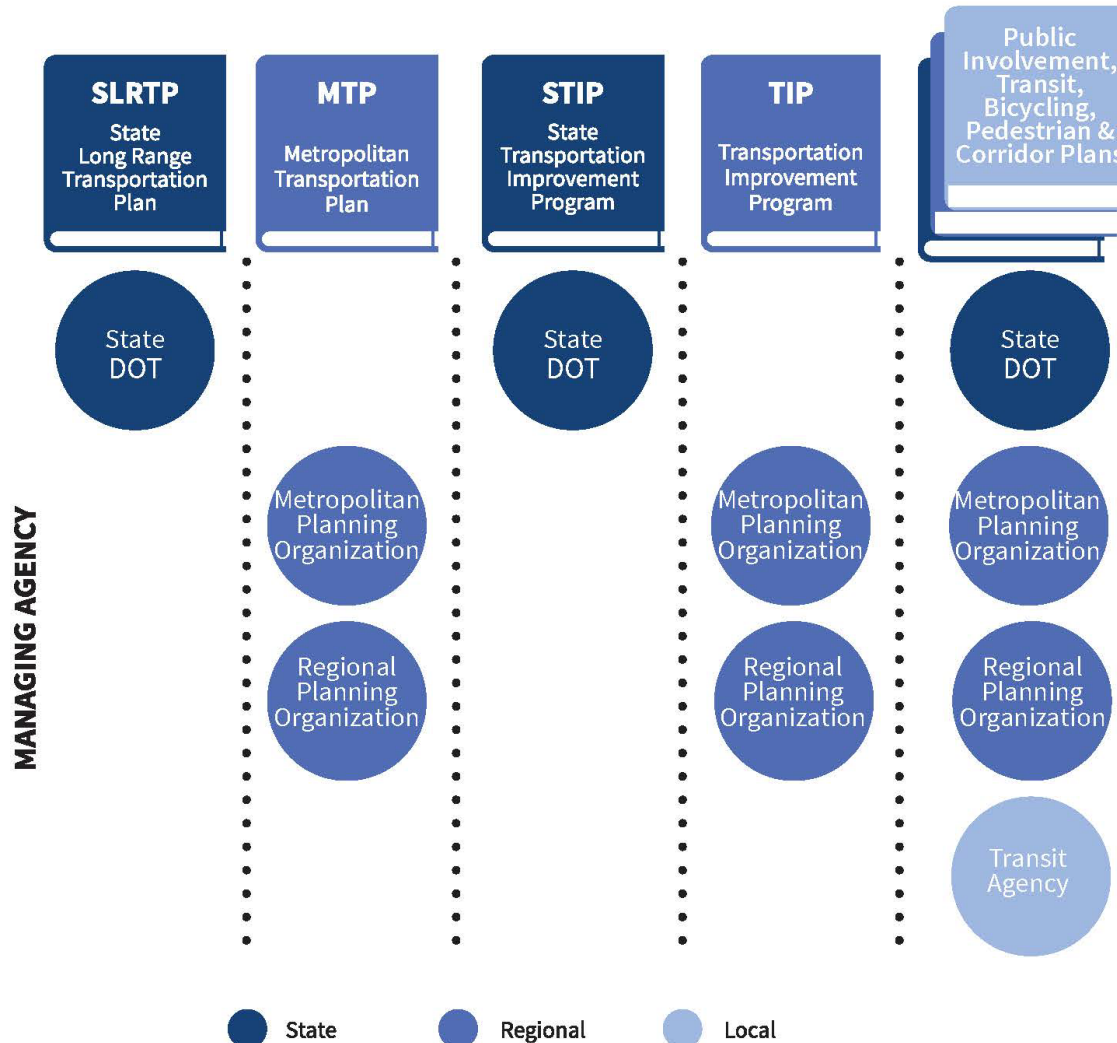
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What We Do

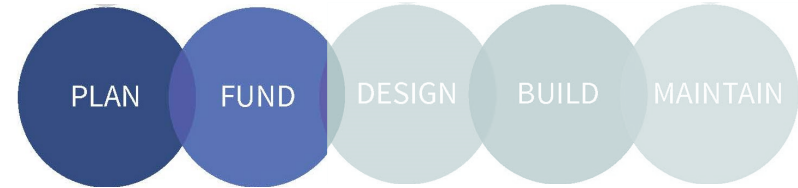
- 5 basic steps of transportation planning



Which Agencies Manage Which Plans



What We Do



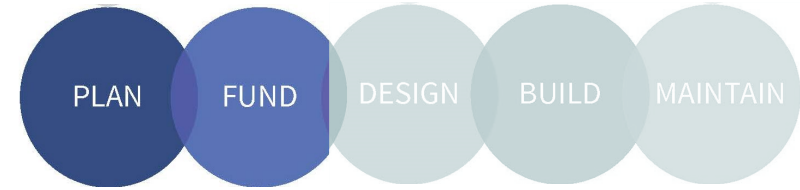
MAXIMIZE2045

A PERFORMANCE-BASED TRANSPORTATION PLAN

- **Long-Range Transportation Plan**
 - Every 4 years
 - Maximize2045 currently being developed
- **Short-term Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
 - Developed annually
 - 2019: 2020-2023 TIP
 - Amendments (as needed)

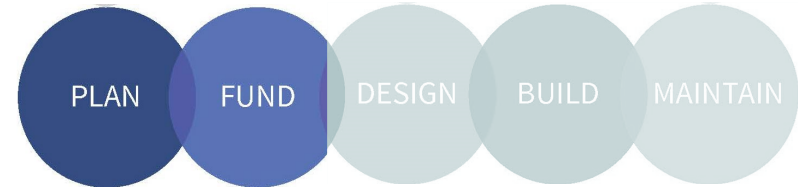


What We Do



- **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**
 - Annual budget and plan of work by BMC staff and local jurisdictions
 - Developed every 2 years
 - Updated annually
- **Conformity Determination**
 - Evaluation of impact of planned and programmed projects on region's air quality
 - Developed each year with TIP, every 4 years with long-range plan

What We Do



- Limited English Proficiency Plan
- Title VI Plan
 - Both updated in 2015

- Public Participation Plan
 - PAC may review and make recommendations for changes each year
 - Updated in 2018

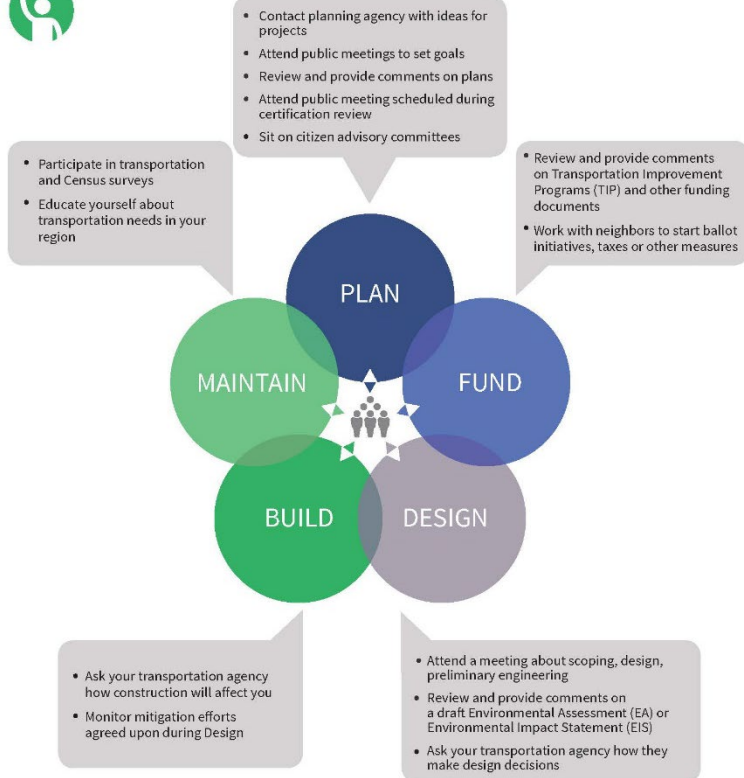


Key Dates in 2019

- **Annual Budget UPWP**
 - February 12 - March 14
- **Every Voice Counts**
 - Late March/Early April in Howard County
 - Fall 2019 in Harford/Baltimore County
- **Maximize2045/TIP**
 - May 9 - June 18
 - 7 public meetings (1 per jurisdiction)



Opportunities To Influence Decisions



Many, but not all, of these opportunities are required by federal law.



- Contact planning agency with ideas for projects
- Attend public meetings to set goals
- Review and provide comments on plans
- Attend public meeting scheduled during certification review
- Sit on citizen advisory committees



- Review and provide comments on Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) and other funding documents



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PAC Mission



- **Serve as an advisory body to the BRTB;**
- **Provide independent, region-oriented citizen advice to the BRTB on issues related to the development of:**
 - Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
 - Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
 - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and amendments;
- **Promote public awareness and participation; and**
- **Promote equity in regional transportation planning.**

Meetings



- **1st Wednesday of the month**
 - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
 - Baltimore Metropolitan Council
- **Occasionally meeting are held in other jurisdictions**
 - 1-2 times per year, with advance notice
- **2019 Dates** *(subject to change)*
 - January 9
 - February 6
 - March 6
 - April 3
 - May 1
 - June 5
 - July 10
 - August 7
 - September 4
 - October 2
 - November 6
 - December 4

Subcommittees



- **Public Involvement and Outreach Subcommittee**
 - Focuses on improving the BRTB public involvement process and activities
 - Assists staff in conducting outreach
- **Policy Subcommittee**
 - Focuses on reviewing transportation plans and policies
- **Transportation Equity Subcommittee**
 - New subcommittee
 - Reviews regional transportation plans and programs through the lens of transportation equity and environmental justice; Raises equity concerns in region and advocates for improved policies and plans
- **Every Voice Counts Ad Hoc Subcommittee**

Subcommittees



- All members serve and participate in a subcommittee.
- Review documents ahead of time and discuss comments via e-mail
- Meeting dates/times vary by committee

How To Stay Updated



- Confirm participation in BRTB-PAC Google Group at groups.google.com/group/brtb-pac
- E-mail group @ brtb-pac@googlegroups.com

- **Follow BMC's social media channels**

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| – @BmoreInvolved | facebook.com/BmoreInvolved |
| – @BaltoMetroCo | facebook.com/BaltimoreMetropolitanCouncil |
| – @Bike2WorkCentMD | facebook.com/Bike2WorkCentralMD |



Leadership

- **PAC Chair**
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