

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #18-18**

**ADOPTION OF UPDATED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, encompassing the Baltimore Urbanized Area, and includes official representatives of the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore, the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Queen Anne's as well as representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Planning, the Maryland Transit Administration, and Harford Transit; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, has the responsibility under the provisions of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, MAP-21 directs metropolitan planning organizations to develop a proactive public participation process that provides for the timely input by the region's citizenry in the deliberation of transportation decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, with input and guidance from the Public Advisory Committee (PAC) and in consultation with public and private sector stakeholders, has updated the Public Participation Plan for enhancing public involvement in the transportation planning process which includes educating the public on various regional transportation issues and priorities and providing adequate, appropriate and meaningful opportunities for public participation in decisions regarding the same; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board held a 45-day public comment period that extended from April 10 through May 24 with input from the PAC. No comments were received for the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board's consideration; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental objective of the public involvement program is to ensure that the concerns of everyone with a stake in transportation decisions are identified and an opportunity is presented to provide input prior to the development of the policies, programs and projects being proposed through the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board; and

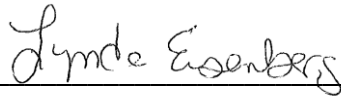
WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board intends to govern all future public participation activities based on the plan and procedures adopted through this resolution (see Attachment 1), until such time that they may be amended; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the updated Public Participation Plan as the formal process which meets the spirit of federal regulations and the expectations of the general public of the Baltimore region.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the aforementioned resolution at its June 26, 2018 meeting.

6-26-18

Date



Lynda Eisenberg, Chairman

Baltimore Regional Transportation Board