ENDORSE SCORING CRITERIA TO ASSIST WITH PROJECT SELECTION FOR
MAXIMIZE2045 – THE 2019 BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 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 BRTB, as the MPO for the Baltimore region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) to develop and carry out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the BRTB approved the current Baltimore regional transportation plan, Maximize2040, on November 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the BRTB has developed a work scope and timeline to prepare the 2019 Baltimore regional transportation plan, titled Maximize2045: A Performance-Based Transportation Plan. The work scope reflects the intent of Federal Legislation contained in the FAST Act and the current Metropolitan Planning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the BRTB has requested that the Technical Committee evaluate and recommend a process (see attachment 1) for evaluating individual candidate projects for Maximize2045 as a tool for compiling a set of projects that will benefit the region based on goals and priorities of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the BRTB will utilize this process but reserves the right to request additional analysis to support decision-making for Maximize2045;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, endorses the scoring criteria as recommended by the Technical Committee for use in developing Maximize2045.
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.

8-26-18
Date

Lynda Eisenberg, Chair
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board
Maximize2045 Project Evaluation Criteria

POLICY CRITERIA (to be determined by submitting jurisdiction)
High Priority – Five projects maximum – additional 30 points
Medium Priority – Four projects maximum – additional 20 points
Low Priority – Unlimited number of projects – additional 10 points
Demonstrated MDOT Financial Support – additional 10 points

TECHNICAL CRITERIA (to be scored by BMC staff)
Unless otherwise indicated, project will receive 5, 3, or 1 points, depending on whether it addresses a problem or provides benefits at a high, medium, or low level (or 0 points for “not applicable”) – maximum technical score for transit and highway projects: 50 points. If a scoring methodology for a particular category is not specifically defined, scoring for that category will be normalized by thirds.

Safety
Highway
Crash severity (injuries and fatalities)

Accessibility
Highway
Complete Streets Projects – benefits to total population first, then to EJ population
Activity Hub access through buffer analysis (1/2 mile)
Transit
Transit station/stop improvements or new station/stop – total & EJ population – buffer analysis (1/4 mile station/stop/line) – 10, 6, or 2 points
Activity Hub Center access through buffer analysis – 10, 6, or 2 points

Mobility
Highway
2025 Level of Service (with Existing plus Committed Projects) – 7, 4, or 1 points
2045 Level of Service (with Existing plus Committed Projects) – 3, 2, or 1 points
Transit
Extent to which project provides transit options
Number of riders

Environmental Conservation
Both Highway and Transit
Geographic proximity to ecologically significant lands / historical properties
Emissions and greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions – Includes components of TDM or TSM

Security
Highway
Evacuation route or parallels

Economic Prosperity
Both Highway and Transit
Priority Funding Area (within, connecting)
Sustainable Communities designation (within, connecting)