WHEREAS, the BRTB, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region responsible for transportation planning and policy making for the Baltimore region; and

WHEREAS, the PAC serves as an advisory body to the BRTB, charged with providing independent, region oriented citizen advice to the BRTB on issues related to the development of the Baltimore Regional Transportation Plan, Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and amendments that affect the region’s conformity with federal air quality requirements, the public involvement process, regionally significant land use issues, and other regional transportation-related issues, as appropriate, promotes public awareness and participation in the regional transportation planning process and promotes equity in the regional transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the PAC has reviewed and discussed the following amendments to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and associated Air Quality Conformity Determination.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, the PAC submits the following comments:

- There is a lot of detailed information on projects, but there is no analysis of how those projects, either individually or as comprehensive network, improve outcomes for residents
- There is an effort to link projects to long-range plan goals and performance measures, but it is insufficient and does not include measurable outcomes.
- Essentially, the TIP does not tell us what we get for spending this money. Will more people have access to jobs? Will commute times decrease? Will mode share change?
- Recommend Project Categories be broken down to “Transit Preservation” and “Transit Capacity”, just as highways are (pages 66 and 67).

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the PAC thanks the BRTB for this opportunity to participate by sharing comments on this amendment to the BRTB Bylaws. The PAC thanks the BRTB staff for facilitating its participation.

Submitted by:

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