

*BALTIMORE REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION BOARD
(BRTB)*

Transportation Management Area

2020 Certification Review

Public Meeting

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
&
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

APRIL 22, 2020



Why are WE here?

- ▶ The US DOT is required to *review and certify* the planning practices within the transportation management areas to determine how the region follows federal laws and regulations.
- ▶ No less than once every 4 years FTA & FHWA jointly review the metropolitan transportation planning and programming process for those areas over 200,000 in population (TMAs). The last public meeting was held on April 25, 2016.



Who are WE?

US DOT Certification Review Team

FHWA – MD Division

- ▶ Kwame Arhin
- ▶ Lindsay Donnellon
- ▶ Edwin Gonzalez

FTA – Region III

- ▶ Ryan Long
- ▶ Abigail Lowe

EPA – Region III

- ▶ Gregory Becoat



Why are YOU here?

Part of this review includes seeking the public's input.

- ▶ To solicit your comments and perspectives regarding the transportation planning and programming process, as carried out by the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) and its partners, including:
 - ▶ MDOT
 - ▶ The Region's Transit Operators
 - ▶ US DOT
 - ▶ Local Jurisdictions
 - ▶ Other Partners



What will happen to your comments?

- ▶ The comments received tonight and between March 31 and May 1st will be taken into consideration as we evaluate and complete our review of the transportation planning and programming process
- ▶ Comments will be used in determining the effectiveness of the transportation planning and programming process and will influence the final report



What is the **OUTCOME** of this review?

- ▶ Report issued in approximately 90 to 120 days summarizing the discussions during the review
- ▶ Certification Actions:
 - ▶ Certified,
 - ▶ Certified with Conditions (subject to certain corrective actions),
 - ▶ Certified with Conditions & Restrictions; or
 - ▶ Not certified



Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

What is the planning and programming process?

A comprehensive process by which transportation issues are studied, decisions are made, and projects are planned, selected, and prioritized for implementation within the region.



Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process (cont'd)

Why is it important?

- ▶ Decide how a substantial share of federal transportation funding is spent
- ▶ Because of limited funding, the region must collaboratively prioritize the regional needs and determine the best and most economical solutions
- ▶ The Process lays the framework for the future transportation system



Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process (cont'd)

Who is Involved?

MPO*

- ▶ Baltimore Regional Transportation Board
- ▶ Technical Committee
- ▶ Other Committees

Maryland Department of Transportation
(MDOT)*

FHWA & FTA

Transit Operators*

Local Jurisdictions
(counties, cities,
boroughs, and
townships)

Local Citizens

Interest Groups



Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process (cont'd)

How?

Continuing *Cooperative*
Comprehensive

Multimodal - Public Input



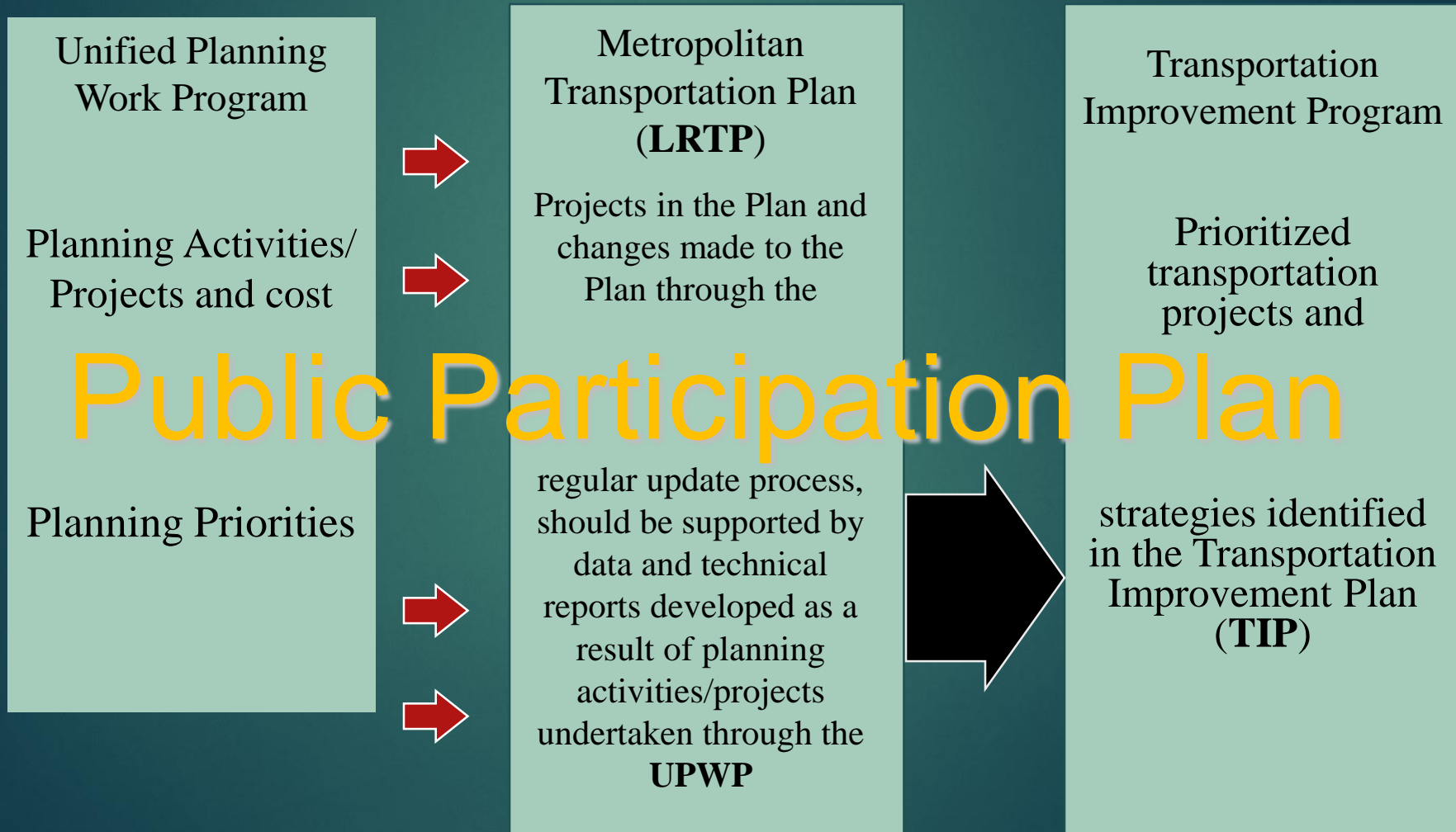
Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process (cont'd)

Required Planning Products

- ▶ Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- ▶ Congestion Management Process (CMP)
- ▶ Long Range Transportation Plan
- ▶ Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- ▶ Public Participation Plan (PPP)



How do the products fit together?



Comments encouraged!

- Do you have an adequate opportunity to participate in the MPO transportation planning and programming process?
- Have you been involved in the MPO transportation planning process? How?
- What are the positive aspects of the MPO transportation planning process?
- What suggestions do you have for improving the MPO transportation process?



Share Your Thoughts

The public review period runs from March 31 through May 1, 2020. There are three ways you can share your thoughts:

- 1. Take BRTB's Survey** – Your evaluation of the BRTB can be shared with FHWA/FTA via [survey](#).
- 2. Join BRTB At A Public Meeting** – During the Public Comment Opportunity at the BRTB monthly meeting at **9:45 a.m. on Friday, May 1** at [@bit.ly/BRTBPublicMeeting](https://bit.ly/BRTBPublicMeeting).
- 3. Send Your Thoughts In Writing** – Please send all comments in writing to:

ONLINE	EMAIL	TWITTER	MAIL	FAX
BRTB Comment Form	comments@baltometro.org	@BaltoMetroCo @BmoreInvolved #BRTBlistens	The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board 1500 Whetstone Way, Suite 300 Baltimore, MD 21230	410-732-8248

Additional comments or questions can be provided to:

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*Subject: BRTB Certification Review
Comments*



How To Comment Tonight

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT:

- ▶ *If on GoToMeeting:* Let us know in the chat box.
- ▶ *If on the Phone:* We will open the lines to identify any callers who wish to provide verbal comments.
- ▶ When called: State your name, where you're from, and any organization(s) you are representing.

TIME LIMITS:

- ▶ Individuals: 3 minutes
- ▶ Organizations: One representative, 5 minutes.