

**BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
RESOLUTION #15-13**

**SCORING CRITERIA FOR *MAXIMIZE2040* -  
THE 2015 BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board 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, and Howard, as well as representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Planning, and the Maryland Transit Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board approved the current Baltimore regional transportation plan, *Plan it 2035*, on November 14, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board has developed a work scope and timeline to prepare the 2015 Baltimore regional transportation plan, termed *Maximize2040: A Performance-Based Transportation Plan*. The work scope reflects the intent of Federal Legislation contained in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and the current Metropolitan Planning Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board has requested that the Technical Committee evaluate and recommend a process (see attachment 1) for evaluating individual candidate projects 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 Baltimore Regional Transportation Board will utilize this process but reserves the right to request additional analysis to support decision-making for *Maximize2040*;

**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 development of *Maximize2040*.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, endorsed the aforementioned amended resolution at its November 25, 2014 meeting.

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Date

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Harvey Gold, Chairman  
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board



Evaluate all projects submitted; no “Regionally Significant” set-aside.

**POLICY CRITERIA (to be prioritized 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.

**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

**Mobility**

Highway

2020 Level of Service (with Existing plus Committed Projects) – 7, 4, or 1 points

2040 Level of Service (with Existing plus Committed Projects) – 3, 2, or 1 points

Transit

Extent to which project provides transit options

Number of riders

**Accessibility**

Highway

Complete Streets Projects – benefits to total population first, then to EJ population

Job/Activity Center 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

Job/Activity Center access through buffer analysis – 10, 6, or 2 points

**Economic Prosperity**

Both Highway and Transit

Priority Funding Area (within, connecting)

Sustainable Communities designation (within, connecting)

**Safety / Security**

Highway

Crash severity (injuries and fatalities)

Evacuation route or parallels