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**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
PROPOSES ADDING QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY AS NON-VOTING
MEMBER**

BALTIMORE, MD (November 6, 2015) – The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) will accept public comments on a proposed amendment to its bylaws, which would include Queen Anne’s County as a non-voting member, until **Tuesday, December 8**. The BRTB is scheduled to vote on the amendment on **Tuesday, December 22 at 9 a.m.**

The U.S. Census recently designated a portion of Queen Anne’s County as a part of the Baltimore Urbanized Area. The portion, which sits along the Chesapeake Bay closest to Anne Arundel County, has strong economic and transportation ties to the Baltimore region. As a result, the BRTB invited the Queen Anne’s Board of County Commissioners to join the group as a non-voting member.

The proposed amendment to the BRTB’s bylaws would formalize this agreement. The full text of the bylaws, including the proposed amendment, can be viewed by visiting www.baltometro.org.

Public comments will be accepted by email at comments@baltometro.org; on Twitter [@BaltoMetroCo](https://twitter.com/BaltoMetroCo) and [@BmoreInvolved](https://twitter.com/BmoreInvolved), or on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/BRTBlistens/) using the hashtag #BRTBlistens; or by mail at:

Attn: Public Involvement Coordinator
The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board
Offices @ McHenry Row
1500 Whetstone Way, Suite 300
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Comments also are welcome during the Public Comment Opportunity during the BRTB meetings on **Tuesday, November 24, and Tuesday, December 22, at 9 a.m.**

Pending approval of this amendment, the BRTB is an 11-member board representing the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore, and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties, as well as the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of Environment, the Maryland Department of Planning and the Maryland Transit Administration.

The BRTB, as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Baltimore region, is directly responsible for making sure that any money spent on existing and future transportation projects and programs is based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive (3-C) planning process. All transportation projects and programs that receive federal funding in our region go through this planning process. The Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) provides the BRTB with staff support.

The BRTB operates its programs and services without regard to race, color, or national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and other applicable laws. Appropriate services can be provided to qualified individuals with disabilities or those in need of language assistance who submit a request at least seven days prior to a meeting. Call 410-732-0500.

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The Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) works collaboratively with the chief elected officials in the region to create initiatives to improve the quality of life and economic vitality. BMC, as the Baltimore region's council of governments (COG), hosts the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB), the federal metropolitan planning organization (MPO), and supports local government by coordinating efforts in a range of policy areas including emergency preparedness, housing, cooperative purchasing, environmental planning and workforce development.

BMC's Board of Directors includes the Baltimore City mayor, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard county executives, a member of the Maryland State Senate, a member of the Maryland House of Delegates and a gubernatorial appointee from the private sector.