

# maximize2040

A PERFORMANCE-BASED TRANSPORTATION PLAN

for a *greater* Baltimore Region

Thank you for your involvement in the development of [Maximize2040: A Performance-Based Transportation Plan](#).

After many months of planning and discussions with key stakeholders, especially the public, the BRTB is scheduled to vote on the final version of Maximize2040 on **Tuesday, November 24 at 9 a.m.** at the [Baltimore Metropolitan Council](#).

Below is a link to the BRTB's response to comments, and highlights of the planning process for Maximize2040.



## BRTB RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

The BRTB members appreciate all comments sent in by the public during the last year and a half. The level of participation in the regional planning process shows that people care about the future of transportation in our region. Public comments also provide a framework to keep the process focused on real needs in the face of fiscal, environmental, and economic challenges.

BRTB members received all comments made regarding the draft plan. To view the BRTB response to these comments, click on the link below.

As all of the public comments received in this process demonstrate, the Baltimore region has a diverse set of needs and expectations - including more reliable commuting, more effective freight movement, and more choices in transportation and transit alternatives for everyone in the region.

Maximize2040 is required to be fiscally constrained, so the programs and projects in the plan represent the best judgment of the BRTB about what is desirable and possible. The BRTB considered statutory and regulatory requirements, existing conditions, and future possibilities. This is a snapshot the BRTB can reconsider during the next four years.

The BRTB (which includes local jurisdictions and MDOT) will engage the public to address the future of transit in the region, with the potential to add other projects as amendments to Maximize2040. Any mix of projects should enable the safe movement of people and goods in ways that provide additional opportunities for individuals and the region while realizing the need for environmental and fiscal responsibility.

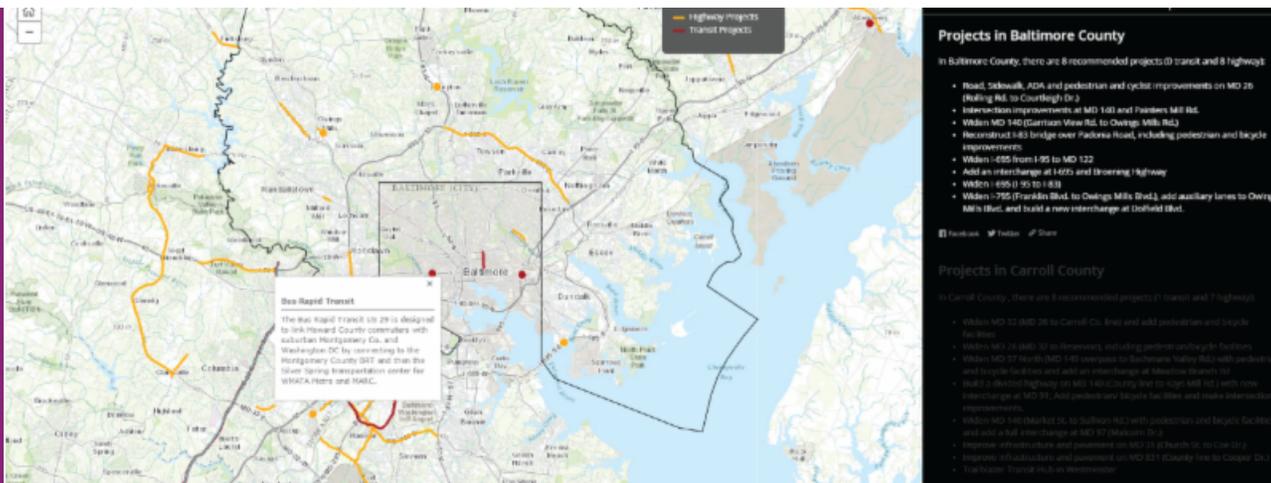
Once again, the BRTB extends its appreciation for all the public input it received in this process. We look forward to further discussions about how we can maximize our region's transportation investments for the future.

**[:: Download the BRTB Response to Comments ::](#)**

**[:: View All Comments Received ::](#)**

## HOW WAS MAXIMIZE2040 DEVELOPED?

Story Map Offers Overview of Process to Create Plan and Interactive Map of Projects



We developed Maximize2040 with local, state, and federal agency transportation professionals, area business leaders, community advocates, and many other interested individuals and organizations. The 18-month planning process for Maximize2040 launched in March 2014 with a look at the region's transportation needs and challenges over the next 25 years. The BRTB joined key stakeholders at an open house dialogue at the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

In summer 2014, the BRTB considered how the region could make informed decisions about the future, especially when there are a lot of uncertainties about the next 25 years. The BRTB sought out opinions from the public and regional experts. More than 200 people throughout the Baltimore region participated in a survey that asked about the social, economic, technological, environmental and political forces that could play a role in long-range transportation planning.

The BRTB also solicited about 1,150 project ideas from individuals and organizations through an extensive outreach process in Fall 2014.

**[:: Check out the Story Map ::](#)**



## 5 WAYS YOU CAN STAY INVOLVED

Thank you to those who participated in the public outreach process of developing Maximize2040. Our region has an abundance of opportunities for you to provide feedback and be engaged in the planning process. Below are five ways for you to stay involved.



### **PARTICIPATE IN BALTIMORELINK TRANSIT MEETINGS**

In October, Governor Larry Hogan announced \$135 million in investments designed to transform and improve transit throughout the Baltimore metropolitan area. The multi-phase plan seeks to create an interconnected transit system, known as BaltimoreLINK, and includes redesigning the entire local and express bus systems throughout Baltimore and adding 12 new high-frequency, color-coded bus routes that improve connections to jobs and other transit modes.

A series of public workshops will be conducted in November and December to provide updated information on the BaltimoreLINK system and to collect [feedback](#). Presentations will be provided and the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) staff will be available to answer questions. The same information will be presented at each workshop.

**[:: Learn more about BaltimoreLINK ::](#)**



### **APPLY TO SERVE ON THE BRTB'S PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) is accepting applications for volunteers to serve on its Public Advisory Committee (PAC). The PAC is a diverse group of residents, representatives of community organizations, and industry professionals that provide essential independent advice and feedback to the BRTB about regional transportation plans and related issues.

Members also assist in promoting equity and public awareness and participation in the regional transportation planning process.

Terms begin **January 2016**. Please submit [applications](#) by **Tuesday, December 1, 2015**. Applications received after this date will be processed on a rolling basis.

**:: Apply to serve on the BRTB Public Advisory Committee ::**

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**TALK TO YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS ABOUT LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES**

Every year, all jurisdictions in the state submit a list of transportation priorities to the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). Priority letters are generally limited to include projects that reflect realistic funding availability.

MDOT evaluates and selects proposed major capital projects for inclusion in a document called the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). The CTP is a detailed list of capital transportation projects for the following six years.

The draft CTP is then presented at meetings in every county and Baltimore City. At these meetings, MDOT senior staff are on hand to receive comment. Following these meetings, a final draft is presented to the MD General Assembly in January.

**:: See your jurisdictions recent priority letters ::**

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**GET INVOLVED THROUGH LOCAL PLANNING MEETINGS**

Connect with your local planning and zoning commission, department of transportation, or public works division to find out when they are holding public meetings on local master plans, bicycle and pedestrian plans, information sessions on traffic studies, and more.

**:: Connect Locally ::**

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**STAY CONNECTED**

Stay informed with e-Newsletters from the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) and Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB).

BMC sends out periodic press releases about BRTB comment periods or other items of interest, as well as its digital magazine, COG Quarterly. Connect with BMC online at [@BaltoMetroCo](#) and [Facebook](#).

BMC also produces a periodic e-newsletter called B'more Involved. B'More Involved promotes civic engagement in local and regional transportation, planning and equity/environmental justice and shares information on air quality, safety for drivers and people who bike or walk, emergency preparedness, and more!

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