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BRTB SEEKS COMMENTS ON MDTA ROAD WIDENING PROJECT IN AMENDED 2016-2019 TIP, MAXIMIZE2040

BALTIMORE, MD (July 5, 2016) – The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) seeks public comments for one update to the *Amended 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* and *Maximize2040: A Performance-Based Transportation Plan* for the **Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) I-95: Moravia Road to the Fort McHenry Tunnel road widening project.**

Public comments will be accepted until **Friday, August 5**. The BRTB is scheduled to vote on the TIP amendment on **Tuesday, August 23, at 9 a.m.**

The *Amended 2016-2019 TIP* is the list of regional transportation projects requesting federal funding in the near term. It includes more than **\$2.5 billion** in proposed federal, state and local money for highway, transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects during the next four years. The funding goes towards maintaining, operating and expanding the transportation system. The TIP is fiscally constrained.

Maximize2040 is this region's long-range transportation plan developed by the BRTB. *Maximize2040* serves as the blueprint for fiscally constrained transportation planning in the Baltimore region from the year 2020 to 2040. The plan also establishes the region's broad transportation goals and performance measures, which now serve as guiding principles as the region plans and carries out projects.

Updates occur in the *Amended 2016-2019 TIP* and *Maximize2040* because of changes to project scope and funding or changes to federal documentation policies. Public comment periods and meetings aim to keep communication open regarding these changes. Please visit the following link to learn more about the BRTB's summary information of the project and changes, as well as the public review and comment:

[August 2016 updates to the Amended 2016-2019 TIP and Maximize2040](#)

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