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BRTB SEEKS COMMENTS ON FUNDING FOR BALTIMORELINK, TRANSIT VEHICLEUPDATES IN *2017-2020 TIP*

BALTIMORE, MD (January 4, 2017) – The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) welcomes comments on funding updates to the *2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* for the **Bus and Bus Facilities Mini Overhaul Project; MARC Train Rolling Stock Overhauls and Replacement Project; MARC Train Improvements Project; and BaltimoreLink Bus and Rail System Preservation and Improvement Project** through **Monday, February 6.**

The BRTB is scheduled to vote on the *TIP* amendment on **Tuesday, February 28, at 9 a.m.**

The *2017-2020 TIP* is the list of regional transportation projects requesting federal funding in the near term. It includes more than **\$2.71 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.

Updates occur in the *2017-2020 TIP* 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 period:

[Learn more about the proposed amendments to the 2017-2020 TIP](#)

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