

# Baltimore Region FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

## AMENDMENTS

Advancing Priority  
Improvements on  
MD 175 and MTA Metro

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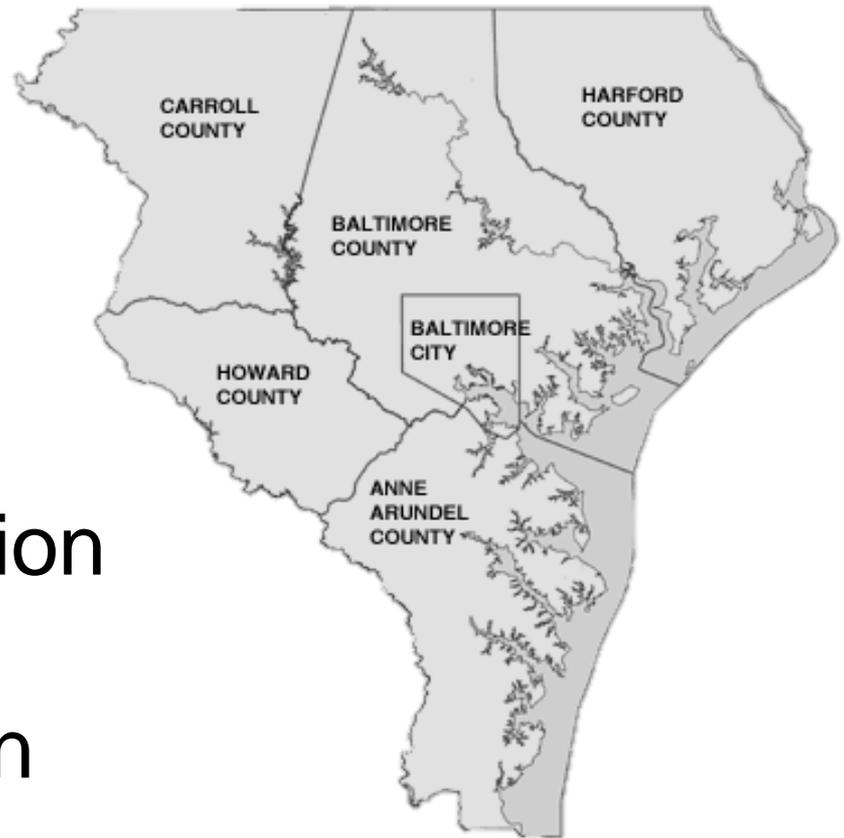


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# Who We Are

- BMC - Organization of Region's Elected Executives.
- BRTB - Baltimore Regional Transportation Board – Metropolitan Planning Organization



# BRTB Members

- City of Annapolis – Michael Pantelides, Mayor
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- MD Department of the Environment - Robert Summers, Ph.D., Secretary
- Maryland Department of Planning - Richard E. Hall, Secretary



# What We Do - BRTB

- Air Quality
- Bicycle and Pedestrian
- Emergency Preparedness
- Freight
- Safety
- Transit



# What We Do - BRTB

- Annual work program
- Short-term transportation program (TIP)
- Long-range transportation plan
- Air quality assessments of all transportation projects



# What is the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Short-range (four-year) program of transportation improvements & priority projects
- Financially constrained
- Authorizes project sponsor to seek or use federal funds
- Generally updated annually
  - Current TIP is FY 2014-2017
- Amendments require 30-day public review
  - New projects, new funding, etc.



# Air Quality Assessment

- The TIP goes through a process that compares estimated pollutants (emissions) from transportation projects to limits (budgets) set by the state.



This report, called a “conformity determination”, addresses fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), 8-hour ozone and CO standards.



# Advancing Priority Improvements on MD 175 and MTA Metro

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# Metro Railcar and Signal System Replacement

**New!**



- The Baltimore Metro opened for service in 1983. The 100 car fleet has never been replaced and has reached its useful life of 30 years. Likewise, the signal system, which serves to direct the movement of operators and their cars, is also the original system installed at the time of initial construction. The system has become increasingly more expensive and more difficult to maintain due to repair part obsolescence.
- MTA's Metro Railcar and Signaling Systems Replacement Project will replace aging Metro railcars and the signaling system with modern and reliable equipment. This project will improve system-wide safety and enhance passenger comfort.
- \$72.7 million in federal and state funding for Fiscal Years 2015 and 2017

# MD 175: MD 295 to MD 170

## Breakout: Reese Rd to Disney Rd



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- Improving MD 175 (Annapolis Road), from MD 295 to MD 170, is a top transportation priority for Anne Arundel County.
- MD 175, from Reece Road to Disney Road is part of the larger MD 175: MD 295 to MD 170 Project, which is being completed in phases. More info about the phases are online at:  
<http://apps.roads.maryland.gov/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectInformation.aspx?projectno=AA436212>
- Additional funding
  - Federal TIGER grant: \$10.0 million
  - Federal STP funding: \$24.7 million
  - State funding: \$10.0 million

# MD 175: MD 295 to MD 170

## Breakout: Reece Road to Disney Road

- Roadway will be widened from existing 2 lanes to a 6 lane roadway.
- Needed right-of-way has already been provided by Ft. Meade.
- Schedule
  - PI (30%) Meeting was held on December 10, 2014
  - Ad Date anticipated in June 2016
  - Notice to Proceed anticipated in Fall 2016
  - Estimated Completion Date is 2020



# Share your thoughts

Comments welcome through **January 14, 2015** to:

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Comments are also welcome during the Public Comment Opportunity of the BRTB meeting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 or January 27, 2015 (scheduled vote)