# Conformity Determination of the 2018-2021 TIP and Amended Plan

**BRTB Meeting** 

July 25, 2017

## **Air Quality Conformity**

- Ensures that Federal funding and approval are given to transportation activities that are consistent with air quality goals
- Ties together transportation planning and air quality planning
- Consultation requirements

## **Air Quality Conformity**

- NAAQS = National Ambient Air Quality Standard
- Transportation plans, programs, and projects cannot:
  - Create new NAAQS violations
  - Increase the frequency or severity of existing NAAQS violations; or
  - Delay attainment of the NAAQS

## **Air Quality Conformity**

- 2008 8-hour Ozone NAAQS Moderate Nonattainment
- 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter NAAQS –Revoked
- Carbon Monoxide NAAQS Two, 10year maintenance periods complete

#### **Interagency Consultation**

- For the air quality conformity determination process, BRTB consults with the Maryland Departments of the Environment and Transportation
- FHWA, FTA, and EPA also included in the Interagency Consultation Group.







