

Baltimore Region MPO Federal Certification Process “Closeout”

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Overview of the Certification Process

- A site visit with MPO and planning partners
- A prepared report by FHWA and FTA
- A closeout presentation of review findings

Certification Review Findings

- Corrective action
- Noteworthy practices
- Recommendations

BRTB Noteworthy Practices

- Developed a comprehensive agreement for performance-based planning.
- Provided more clear definition for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project phases .
- Development of interactive mapping for the TIP projects.
- Use of visualization techniques to explain air quality conformity.
- Linked Congestion Management Process strategies to Long Range Transportation Plan.
- Developed procedures for all performance measures and targets.

Recommendations

- MDOT should inform all MPOs on the balance of unobligated planning (PL) funds.
- MDOT should use and encourage all MPOs to use similar TIP/STIP project phase definitions.
- BRTB should revise the Title VI complaint process/policies on their website.
- Continue to implement projects that will improve overall air quality.
- Continue to expand Transportation Performance Management/Performance Based Planning and Programming framework to evaluate the success of the planning process and investments.

Conclusion

- FHWA/ FTA jointly certify BRTB transportation planning process.
- The certification remains in effect until July 13, 2024.

Questions?