

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT REPORT

AUGUST 2023

★ CLOSED COMMENT PERIODS ★

Staff are currently conducting an internal debrief of our public engagement work for *Resilience 2050* as well as the TIP and Conformity. This includes a review of engagement statistics and soliciting feedback from the public and board members on how the process went.

Throughout the 2 year planning process, we invited the public to weigh in on the goals and strategies that guide the plan, the draft plan, and to share their thoughts on nearly a dozen white papers on a range of topics. Over 11,200 people visited our project websites and comments were received from the public including many from individuals representing larger organizations, coalitions and other stakeholder groups.

Over 430 comments were shared with staff and decision-makers throughout this process. In drafting *Resilience 2050*, the BRTB made several adjustments based on public feedback, including additional scoring criteria boosting transit candidate projects. Notably, *Resilience 2050* includes twice as much transit investment as the BRTB's previous long-range transportation plan, including funding for both an east-west transit and a north-south transit corridor in Baltimore City, Bus Rapid Transit on US 29 in Howard County and 17 transportation hubs around the region.

In terms of meeting attendance, we had dozens of public meeting attendees, with our virtual meeting being the most well attended.

Members of the public who participated in *Resilience 2050* are invited to share their feedback on the public engagement process.

Comments are welcome at publicinput.com/resilience2050survey through September 8.

★ UPCOMING COMMENT PERIODS ★

Stay tuned late this year or early next year for phase 2 of the Patapsco Regional Greenway - Guinness to SW Area Park project.

The *Look Alive* safety campaign is preparing for a big pedestrian push during October.

New UPWP activities that will be seeking public engagement in FY 2024 include: the Vision for a Regional Bicycle Network, PRG: Stoney Run segment and several more.