

Baltimore MPO TMA Certification Review “Closeout”

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Baltimore MPO TMA Certification Review Process Overview



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Site visit with MPO
& planning partners

May 1st and 2nd, 2024



Report prepared
by FHWA & FTA

Report transmitted to
BRTB on June 11th, 2024



Closeout
presentation
of findings

August 27th, 2024



Certification Review Findings



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X Corrective action (0)

✓ Commendations (6)

✓ Recommendations (7)



Certification Review Commendations



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- Collaborating with the Transportation Association of Maryland to provide skills training to LOTS and MTA staff.
- Developing a regionwide local financial forecast process for local revenues.
- Efforts to expand public engagement and find more impactful ways for the public participate in planning processes via CORE.
- Updating BRTB's "guide to transportation planning," rewritten at a 9th grade reading level.
- Employing a simple-language communication and providing simplified visual guidance articulating the MPO actions and approach.
- BRTB's collective efforts gathering local data from jurisdictions, transit providers, and MDOT to develop and set some of its own performance targets.

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- Update MPO agreements with partner agencies to reflect current practices, boundaries, roles, and responsibilities.
- MDOT and BRTB continue to work together on the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects, BRTB publish its list for public access.
- Document BRTB's process for how projects are programmed into the LRTP. Describe how projects are proposed by local agencies through Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) and state agencies through the state Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP).
- Ensure the current TIP including amendments can be easily found online. Post updated version(s) of the TIP, incorporating adopted amendments on the BRTB TIP webpage to improve TIP accessibility for the public, member governments, and staff.

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- Update BRTB bylaws to formalize current public engagement practices, and clarify the operational future of the Transportation CORE and the currently-dormant PAC.
- Document the BRTB's process for establishing performance measures and targets.
- BRTB resolutions that include the adoption of the Statewide targets and the election to develop and adopt regional targets rather than statewide targets should be more centrally accessible on the BRTB website.

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FHWA/FTA jointly certify BRTB transportation planning process.



The certification remains in effect until **July 11, 2028**.

Questions?



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