

The Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore Region

# UPDATE ON PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS May 2024

## Federal Certification of the BRTB

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) want to hear what committee members and other key stakeholders think about how well the BRTB follows guidance for transportation planning. This process is called **federal certification** and it happens every four years to make sure we, as the MPO, are staying on track and implementing recommendations.

Over the past four years we have reached thousands of people to share information and get feedback on dozens of projects, plans and other work to plan the future of transportation in our region.

So far, we've heard from 38 people who shared 200 survey responses and 16 comments. Comments are welcome, online through **Tuesday, May 7.** 

## PRG Stoney Run (Phase 2)

We are continuing to work to design the Patapsco Regional Greenway - Stoney Run Trail and we are seeking community feedback!

In January, we launched the design process and heard from community members about their ideas for features, concerns about the trail, and suggestions for making the trail beneficial for everyone.

Now, we are eager to hear from folks about 4 different options for where the trail should go.

We will be hosting a community meeting on May 22 at 6 p.m. in Linthicum. Stop by there or let us know what you think by June 5 what you think.

## **Bike to Work Week**



1500 Whetstone Way, Suite 300 ★ Baltimore, MD, 21230 ★ 410-732-0500 ★ www.baltometro.org Voting: City of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford County, Howard County, Queen Anne's County, MD Department of Transportation and RTA of Central Maryland. Non-Voting: MD Department of the Environment, MD Department of Planning, and MD Transit Administration.

# **\*** STAY TUNED **\***

## **Bikeable Baltimore Region**

Launching in mid-May, the BBR project seeks to engage a widespread audience around the region to help us develop a comprehensive, safe, and accessible bicycle network for the entire region. We'll be hosting 10 community meetings and doing handlebar interviews to reach folks. Stay tuned or visit the BMC engagement hub to join the mailing list.

## 2025 - 2028 TIP and Air Quality Report

Launching in mid-May, the 2025 Transportation Improvement Program includes over \$4 billion for a range of transportation projects. Key projects of interest is funding for the recently relaunched Red Line planning process and money for the Key Bridge. Stay tuned for more information!

## **\*** CLOSED COMMENT PERIOD **\***

## **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BUDGET FOR FY 2025**

Every year we talk with our committee members and key stakeholders about their needs and what work to invest in next. We take everyone's feedback and come up with a list of tasks and how much it will cost. Then, we share that list with the community and ask for feedback.

We recently closed a comment period on the FY 2025 budget. Nearly 20 people participated, which is double the number of folks who weighed in last year. Responses to comments have been posted online.

Visit <u>publicinput.com/BRTBbudget</u> to learn more or check out the full budget.

