

**BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
RESOLUTION #26-2**

**APPROVAL OF THE BALTIMORE REGION 2026 – 2029 TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE ASSOCIATED CONFORMITY  
DETERMINATION OF THE TIP AND RESILIENCE 2050**

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, encompassing the Baltimore Urban Area, and includes official representatives of the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore, the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Queen Anne's as well as representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Planning, the Maryland Transit Administration, and the RTA of Central Maryland; and

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, is required under the Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act (IIJA) to complete a long-range transportation plan and transportation improvement program at least every four years for the Baltimore region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board has coordinated with Baltimore Metropolitan Council staff to ensure its compliance with IIJA requirements and documented in the Metropolitan Transportation Planning regulations (May 27, 2016 *Federal Register*); and

**WHEREAS**, development of the long-range transportation plan results from a continuous, cooperative and comprehensive planning process and considers and integrates as appropriate the federal planning factors documented in the Metropolitan Transportation Planning regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2026-2029 Baltimore Region Transportation Improvement Program is a prioritized program of transportation projects which are financially constrained by year and includes a financial plan that demonstrates that projects can be implemented using available revenue sources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, is required under Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Transportation Conformity Rule to conduct analyses to ensure that the region's transportation plans and programs conform with the State Implementation Plan (SIP); and

**WHEREAS**, the conformity analysis as reported in the “Conformity Determination of *Resilience 2050* and the 2026 - 2029 Transportation Improvement Program,” dated May 2025, provides the basis for a finding of conformity to 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) SIP for the Baltimore region, which includes meeting the 2023 motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs) as determined adequate by U.S. EPA. This addresses three ozone NAAQS: 1997, 2008 and 2015. (Attachment 1: Tables 1 and 2); and

**WHEREAS**, opportunities for public comment were provided – including a 30-day public comment period, two virtual public meetings, and regularly scheduled meetings of the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, Interagency Consultation Group and Technical Committee – with respect to the Draft 2026 – 2029 TIP - and the methodology and results of the conformity analysis – and these comments were duly considered by the Metropolitan Planning Organization in this deliberation process; and

**WHEREAS**, a range of outreach strategies was employed to share information about the 2026 – 2029 TIP and the Conformity Determination supported by opportunities for public comment, including two virtual meetings, and informational on-demand multimedia presentations. A 30-day review was offered and numerous public comments were considered by the BRTB.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board approves the *2026 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* and the associated *Conformity Determination of Resilience 2050 and the TIP*.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, approved the aforementioned resolution at its July 22, 2025 meeting.

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Date

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Trey Dickerson, Chair  
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

**Attachment 1****Table 1. VOC Emissions Test Results** (average summer weekday, tons/day)

	2026	2035	2045	2050
<b>Total Emissions Modeled</b>	12.77	10.03	9.24	9.21
<b>Conformity Budget<sup>1</sup></b>	17.47	17.47	17.47	17.47
<b>Conformity Result</b>	PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS

<sup>1</sup> 2023, 8-hour ozone MVEB for the Baltimore region (motor vehicle emission budgets determined adequate by EPA on August 18, 2023)

**Table 2. NOx Emissions Test Results** (average summer weekday, tons/day)

	2026	2035	2045	2050
<b>Total Emissions Modeled</b>	16.62	13.24	13.00	13.15
<b>Conformity Budget<sup>1</sup></b>	35.26	35.26	35.26	35.26
<b>Conformity Result</b>	PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS

<sup>1</sup> 2023, 8-hour ozone MVEB for the Baltimore region (motor vehicle emission budgets determined adequate by EPA on August 18, 2023)