WELCOME!

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TODAY’S AGENDA

- Who We Are
- Overview of the planning Process
- Call for Public Comment
  - Maximize2045
  - Transportation Improvement Program
  - Air Quality Conformity Determination
- How to share comments

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The Baltimore region includes the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore, as well as the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Queen Anne's.
WHO WE ARE

The Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) is a nonprofit organization that works collaboratively with the chief elected officials in the region to create initiatives to improve the quality of life and economic vitality.

We bring people together for:

- events such as Bike to Work Day and What’s on Tap
- emergency preparedness and regional cooperation
- watershed protection
- mapping / geographic information system (GIS) services
- forecasting demographics
- housing
- transportation planning
  - Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB)

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WHO WE ARE

The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Baltimore region.

- **Members:**
  - Local elected officials
  - Representatives of state agencies
  - Local transit representative

- **Decisions:**
  - Regional goals and performance measures
  - Transportation funding
  - Projects and Studies

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About the Plans
Open for comment through June 18
The BRTB developed the following set of guiding principles for the projects and programs considered in Maximize2045:

**GOALS**

**IMPROVE SYSTEM SAFETY**  
Make conditions safer for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders and operators, and motorists.

**IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE**  
Improve the conditions of existing transportation facilities; systematically maintain and replace transportation assets as needed.

**IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY**  
Help people of all ages and abilities to reach specific destinations.

**INCREASE MOBILITY**  
Help people and freight to move reliably and efficiently.

**CONSERVE AND ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT**  
Pass on to future generations the healthiest natural and human environments possible.

**IMPROVE SYSTEM SECURITY**  
Provide a secure traveling environment for everyone; improve the region’s ability to respond to natural and man-made disasters.

**PROMOTE PROSPERITY AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**  
Support the revitalization of communities, the development of activity centers, and the movement of goods and services.

**FOSTER PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION AMONG ALL STAKEHOLDERS**  
Enable all interested and affected parties to participate and cooperate to find workable solutions.

**PROMOTE INFORMED DECISION MAKING**  
Ensure that adopted transportation policies and performance measures guide the regional decision making process.
PERFORMANCE MEASURES

BRTB has adopted performance measures and time-based targets in accordance with federal requirements

- Linked to broad regional goals
- Developed through a cooperative process with state agencies (MDOT State Highway Administration, MDOT Maryland Transit Administration)
- Performance measures and targets cover these categories:
  - roadway safety
  - transit safety
  - roadway asset management (pavement, bridges)
  - transit asset management (vehicles, facilities)
  - traffic congestion
  - emissions reduction
  - travel time reliability (including freight)
PLANNING FOR TOMORROW

Another key step in the process is to consider how the region will grow and change in the coming decades. This includes changes in population, where people live, and employment opportunities available to the workforce.

The Baltimore region is expected to add OVER 333,000 PEOPLE, a 12% population increase.

HOUSEHOLDS will grow a rate of nearly 15%, surpassing population growth leading to smaller household sizes.

The region expects to see EMPLOYMENT GROWTH of 28%, with over 461,000 jobs being added.
FUNDING MIX

The projects to be included in the 2020-2023 TIP and Maximize2045 must take into account the level of financial resources that can reasonably be expected to be available through 2045. Here is a breakdown of funding:

CAPITAL PROJECTS

$16 BILLION for 200 projects

$12 BILLION for major capital projects

Planned Projects (2024-2045)

$3.7 BILLION for all TIP projects

Committed Projects (2020-2023)
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SYSTEM OPERATIONS & PRESERVATION

- **$36.7 BILLION** planned for System Operations
- **$53 BILLION** planned for Operations & Preservation (2024-2045)
- **$16.3 BILLION** planned for System Preservation
ABOUT MAXIMIZE 2045

- Long-range transportation plan for the years 2024-2045
- Establishes regional goals / performance measures
- $65 billion financial plan:
  - Operating the system ($37 billion)
  - Maintaining the system ($16 billion)
  - Building / Expanding ($12 billion)
- List of projects – anticipated funds and schedules
- Long-range plan updated every 4 years

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MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

Types of major capital projects include adding lanes to a highway, building a new bicycle and pedestrian trail, rebuilding a bridge, or adding a new transit line. A few proposed projects include:

- U.S. 50 Bus Rapid Transit line, New Carrollton to Parole
- West Baltimore MARC station relocation
- MD 295 (Baltimore-Washington Parkway) widening, MD 100 to I-95
- I-70 widening, U.S. 29 to MD 32
- I-695 hard shoulder running, I-70 to MD 43

Legend:
- Project Number
- Highway Project
- Transit Project
ABOUT THE TIP

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a short range transportation plan.

- $3.66 billion in funding for:
  - Operating the system ($0.15 billion)
  - Maintaining the system ($1.7 billion)
  - Building / Expanding ($1.8 billion)

- Projects – Committed funds and schedules
  - Highway
  - Transit
  - Bicycle and pedestrian

- Updated every year – this TIP covers 2020-2023
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**Project**: Phoenix Road Bridge No. BC6507 over Gunpowder Falls & NCR Trail

**Location**: Baltimore County

**Category**: Highway Preservation

**Type**: Bridge repair/deck replacement

**Agency**: Baltimore County

**Conformity**: Exempt

**Year of Operation**: 2022

**Description**: Replacement of Bridge No. BC6507 on Phoenix Road over the Gunpowder Falls and the NCR Trail. This bridge is ***
AIR QUALITY ANALYSIS

The Baltimore region has been designated as not meeting the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and so must review its current transportation plans and programs to ensure conformity with the State Air Quality Implementation Plan (SIP).

- The Baltimore region does not meet national air quality standards for ozone.
- Analysis looks at the possible effects of transportation projects on the region’s air quality.
- Report shows projects will not make air quality worse.
TRANSPORTATION MATTERS; SO DOES YOUR OPINION

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Public comments are welcome through Tuesday, June 18 by:

EMAIL: comments@baltometro.org

MAIL: The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board
Attn: Public Involvement Coordinator
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ONLINE COMMENT FORM: bit.ly/BRTBlistens

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Thank You!

Questions/Comments?

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