



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FY 2022 - 2023 Unified Planning Work Program for the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

UPDATED BUDGET FOR FY 2023

Q What is a UPWP?

A The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a work program and budget that outlines how a metropolitan area will use federal transportation planning funds to accomplish activities covered in the Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming Rules and Regulations. It is “unified” to cover activities under both the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Q How often do you develop a work program?

A Metropolitan areas have the option to develop either 1-year or 2-year work programs with the associated budgets. The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) utilizes a 2-year work program. The FY 2022-2023 UPWP is year 1- of a 2-year document. In the Baltimore region, the fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. In year 2, only the budget is updated.

Q Why choose a 2-year work program?

A Most of the tasks and activities in the UPWP lend themselves to a cycle longer than one year. For example, staff members regularly engage in such continuous activities as determining if programmed and planned transportation projects conform to air quality standards, monitoring traffic conditions as part of the regional Congestion Management Process, and running the regional travel demand model to determine the effects of programmed and planned projects. These activities promote efficient operation of the transportation network and help the region meet federal requirements. The BRTB recognizes this continuity and hopes to use it to its advantage in making Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) operations as efficient as possible.



Q Where does the money come from?

A Based on a formula, the FHWA and the FTA provide funding which requires a 20 percent match from the Maryland Department of Transportation or from member jurisdictions.

Q What is the proposed budget?

A This update sets a budget for FY 2023 of \$7,370,000.

Q Is the money all for Baltimore Metropolitan Council staff?

A No, the UPWP includes funding for BMC staff, consultants, and to support staff for local jurisdictions. A breakdown of funding sources for FY 2023 is displayed below.

	FY 2023
BMC Staff	\$6,160,000
Consultants	\$890,000
Local Support	\$320,000
Total	\$7,370,000

Q What are the planning priorities facing the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board?

A Several important priorities include the following:

- engaging the public and other interested parties in the regional transportation planning process
- coordinating regional safety and security efforts
- maintaining and improving the regional congestion management process
- working with the Maryland Department of the Environment to make sure programmed and planned transportation projects conform to air quality standards
- upgrading analytical tools and capabilities, including applying an equity lens, to help planners determine the potential effects of programmed and planned transportation projects



- developing elements of the next long-range regional transportation plan
- preparing a short-range Transportation Improvement Program.

Q Are members supported for their participation in these activities?

A The member jurisdictions receive some support on topics that utilize consultants to improve processes in the region. In FY 2023 members will be supported on the following activities: Safe Systems Approach, Vision for an Integrated Regional Bicycle Network, Skills and Technology Support for Locally Operated Transit Systems, Expanding Coverage for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, and to Explore Connected/Automated Vehicle Measures.

B'More Involved – Share Your Thoughts!

Public input is essential to the development of the UPWP and we encourage people to view the draft document and tell us what you think. The public is invited to provide feedback on these proposed regional transportation planning activities from **Tuesday, February 8** through **Thursday, March 10, 2022**.

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