



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### FY 2024 - 2025 Unified Planning Work Program for the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

**Q What is a UPWP?**

A A Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is an annual or biennial statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan planning area. At a minimum, a UPWP includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, time frames for completing the work, the cost of the work, and the source(s) of funds.

**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. The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) utilizes a 2-year work program. The FY 2024-2025 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 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provide funding which requires a 20 percent match which is split between the Maryland Department of Transportation and member jurisdictions.



**Q What is the proposed budget?**

A The 2024 UPWP includes a budget of \$10,710 000.

**Q Is the money all for Baltimore Metropolitan Council staff?**

A No, the UPWP includes funding for BMC staff, consultants, and to support staff from local jurisdictions. A breakdown of funding uses for FY 2024 and FY 2025 is displayed below.

\*Note: FY 2025 is estimated since federal funding is not known at this time.

	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025*</b>
BMC Staff	\$6,700,000	\$6,700,000
Consultants	\$3,530,000	\$270,000
Local Support	\$480,000	\$480,000
Total	\$10,710,000	\$7,450,000

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

A Several important tasks 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 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 and implementing the long-range regional transportation plan
- preparing a short-range Transportation Improvement Program.



## **B'More Involved – Share Your Thoughts!**

The public is invited to provide feedback on these proposed regional transportation planning activities through **Thursday, March 9, 2023.**

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