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## **BRTB SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR DRAFT FY 2018-2019 BUDGET AND WORK PLAN**

**BALTIMORE, MD (February 17, 2017)** – The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) welcomes comments on its draft Budget & Work Program for Fiscal Years 2018-2019 through Tuesday, March 21.

The BRTB develops this list of regional transportation planning activities every two fiscal years. This plan includes funding for planning activities for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

The BRTB's Budget and Work Program is known as the [Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\)](#) for Transportation Planning. It details projects, studies and other activities to be completed by [BRTB members](#) and staff of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC). The UPWP includes both local and region-wide activities.

The updated UPWP funds support staff and several local planning activities. New local and regional projects include:

- Initiating *Maximize 2045: A Performance-Based Transportation Plan*, the Baltimore region's next long-range transportation plan. BRTB staff will solicit feedback from residents and key stakeholders.
- Promoting safety for all users of the transportation network, especially pedestrians and bicyclists, which includes a specific activity to assess conditions on U.S. 1 in Howard County.
- Finalizing a strategy to conduct a major Household Travel Survey with key partners in the state.
- Coordinating locations along the BaltimoreLink bus routes between the Maryland Transit Authority (MTA) stops and local transit services.
- Identifying potential locations for a multi-modal Transportation Center in the area of Annapolis to enhance efficiency, comfort and safety of patrons.

[Download](#) the Budget & Work Program for FY 2018-2019 or visit the [Regional Information Center \(RIC\)](#) at the Baltimore Metropolitan Council to view a printed copy.

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