

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 5, 2018
Baltimore Metropolitan Council
5:45 to 7:32 P.M.

MINUTES

Ms. Tafadzwa Gwitira, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

1. PRESENTATION: TRANSPORTATION CAMP 2018

Ms. Jade Clayton, Chair of Young Professionals in Transportation Baltimore shared highlights of the first Transportation Camp in Baltimore on May 12, 2018. Transportation Camp is an “unconference” where professionals, techies, advocates, policy makers, and users of transportation come together to discuss transportation’s impact on every aspect of people’s lives: equity, education, jobs, economic development, recreation, sustainability, and overall access to opportunity.

Ms. Clayton shared a bit about the unconference format that has no predetermined sessions. Rather, attendees determine the topics and activities for the sessions. Unstructured, unscheduled chats are also encouraged. She also noted that the first Transportation Camp was held in Washington, DC prior to the annual Transportation Research Board (TRB). Sessions often included technology demo or hacks to get important feedback. Now, sessions have expanded to include panel discussions, presentations, games, vent sessions, brainstorming, and lightning talks.

Ms. Clayton reported that overall feedback was good for Baltimore’s inaugural event and planning is underway for the 2019 event. Ms. Clayton recommended members connect with [Young Professionals in Transportation \(YPT\) Baltimore](#), which helped organize the Baltimore Transportation Camp, to get updates on the 2019 Camp. YPT an organization for networking, education and professional development of young individuals in the transportation industry. YPT Baltimore does not recognize any definition of “young”. If you believe you would fit into our organization, then you qualify to participate.

[Presentation – Transportation Camp 2018]

2. UPDATE TO THE PAC BYLAWS

Ms. Haines Benkhedda reviewed the proposed changes to the PAC bylaws to reflect the mission of the PAC, including the promotion of equity and to make the Ad Hoc Equity

Subcommittee a standing subcommittee of the PAC, as recommended by the PAC in December 2017.

In addition, members updated the language under Article II, Section 3 to be in line with state nondiscrimination language, which is more inclusive. Staff also updated Article IV, Section 3 to be in line with the BRTB bylaws.

The PAC voted to approve the amended bylaws, as presented. Staff will share with the BRTB for their consideration in October.

[Handout – Updated PAC Bylaws, September 2018]

3. SUBCOMMITTEES REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

- **Transportation Equity** – Ms. Tafadzwa Gwitira reported the subcommittee drafted a statement on recent calls to scale back bus service to White Marsh and a letter by Anne Arundel County Executive Steve Schuh requesting MDOT close stops at the Ferndale and Linthicum stations, and serve North Linthicum and the Cromwell Station/Dorsey Road terminus only during peak hours.

Although, the Governor has publicly rejected the request to cut Light Rail service in Northern Anne Arundel County, the subcommittee feels it is important to make a statement on maintaining transit access.

Members discussed the draft statement. Mr. Dick Ladd suggested the PAC reword the resolution to begin by praising the Governor for rejecting the call to close the light rail station. Other members noted that the statement does not mention community concerns about the light rail stations. Ms. Gwitira thanked the members for their feedback and agreed to revisit the statement with the subcommittee.

- **Policy and Legislation** – Mr. Will Cowan reported that the subcommittee members discussed via email and a conference call proposed amendments for two Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) projects: I-95: Express Toll Lane Northern Transition and I-95: Port Covington Access Improvements. He presented the subcommittees notes and votes for/against the amendments.

Members discussed the draft comments on each of these TIP/Plan Amendments and voted as follows:

- **I-95 Express Toll Lanes Northbound Extension project (TIP ID # 25-1801-41)** – The PAC does not endorse this project as presented (5 yea, 6 nay, 3 abstentions).
- **I-95 Port Covington Access Improvements (TIP ID # 22-1901-45)** – The PAC supports this project (6 yea, 5 nay, 3 abstentions) with the following comment: The PAC understands the intended mode split for Port Covington is 50% for modes other than single occupant vehicles (SOV). The PAC recommends that the BRTB approve the project with a caveat that the project have a commitment to incorporating multimodal transportation options, and that these options be developed by and with the community and key stakeholders.

[PAC Resolution #2018 – 06: Amendments for two MDTA projects along I-95]

- **Public Involvement** – Mr. Paul Kowzan reported that the subcommittee met by phone with the Equity committee to discuss ideas for potential partnering organizations and sponsors for additional Every Voice Transportation Academies in each of the jurisdictions in the region.

In addition, one of the ideas generated in a recent meeting with BRTB members about the PAC's equity framework is for staff to meet with local planning staff about their public involvement activities and polices, as well as any work they do around equity or outreach to vulnerable populations. As staff prepare for these meetings, staff asked PAC members to generate a list of the kinds of questions staff should be asking and topics to be covered. Staff asked members to review the drafts and provide additional feedback before the next meeting.

[Handouts – Ideas for future Every Voice Transportation Academies; Questions for local public involvement staff]

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The PAC approved the August 2018 minutes.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- The BRTB did not hold a meeting in August. The next meeting is scheduled for September 25. Minutes and a list of upcoming events are online at baltometro.org.
- Mr. Terry Freeland reported that the Technical Committee will review BRTB Resolution #19-7: Financial forecast for *Maximize2045: A Performance-Based Transportation Plan* at their meeting on September 11. In addition, BRTB members have submitted their draft list of projects for *Maximize2045*. Staff are reviewing this list and will share with the BRTB committees and the public later this fall. Following this, the BRTB will conduct a prioritization scoring process of the candidate projects.
- This fall, BMC will host the next What's on Tap event at Diamondback Brewery featuring Mr. Michael Helta who will share information about the app "Transit" being used by the Maryland Transit Administration. Details will be posted on BMC's website.
- Ms. Haines Benkhedda announced that The Howard County Commission on Disabilities seeks public input on unmet needs of people with disabilities in Howard County. People with disabilities, caregivers, education professionals, providers and other members of the public are invited to attend the Howard County Accessible Transportation Forum on September 29 from 10 a.m. to noon at the East Columbia Branch of the Howard County Library System at 6600 Cradlerock Way in Columbia. In addition, a survey is available online at www.howardcountymd.gov/disabilitysurveys.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Michael Bishop – Resident, Baltimore City

Proxy Designated by: M. Davis

Will Cowan – South Baltimore Neighborhood Association

Janet Eveland – Resident, Baltimore City

Tafadzwa Gwitira – Resident, Baltimore City

Proxy Designated by: B. Groff, E. Norton, J. Weeks, J. Weeks

Yvette Hicks – Resident, Baltimore City

Mark Howard – Resident, Baltimore County

Paul Kowzan III – Broadway Area Business Association

Dick Ladd – Resident, Anne Arundel County

Mark Lotz – Resident, Harford County

Proxy Designated by: R. Ossiander

Daniel Yi – Resident, Howard County

Staff and Guests

Jade Clayton – Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT)

Terry Freeland – Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)

Monica Haines Benkhedda – BMC



TRANSPORTATION CAMP BALTIMORE

[HTTP://WWW.TRANSPORTATIONCAMP.ORG](http://www.transportationcamp.org)



WHAT IS TRANSPORTATION CAMP?

THE UNCONFERENCE FORMAT

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THE INTERSECTION OF
TRANSPORTATION + TECHNOLOGY

- No predetermined sessions
- Topics and activities are determined by attendees
- Unstructured, unscheduled chats encouraged
- Everyone is introduced to everyone
- Be prepared to get involved and meet people



+ BASICS

- Do It Yourself
- Speak Up
- Rule of Two Feet
- Wander the Halls
- No Dress Code
(nerdy transport tees encouraged)

+ INTRODUCTIONS

- Name
- Affiliation
- 3 Words
(Why are you attending? or
What topics interest you?)

YOUR SESSION

HOW IT WORKS

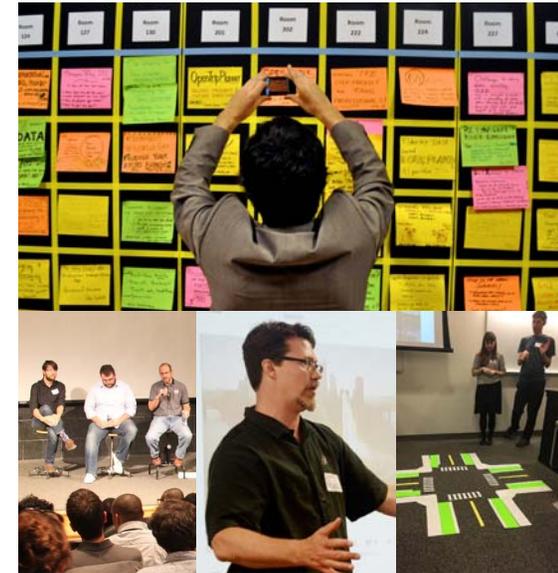
- Catchy Title
- Format Description
- Your Name(s)
- Make it Fun!
- Be Prepared.



YOUR SESSION

HOW IT WORKS

- Catchy Title
 - Street Curbs are Sexy!
 - Elon Musk is Not Your Friend
 - No really, where /Sthe bus?
 - Congestion Pricing and How to Do It
 - Safe Streets for Everyone
 - Fully Autonomous – Guess The Year



YOUR SESSION

HOW IT WORKS

- Format Description
 - Panel Discussion or Presentation
 - Game, Trivia, Other Activity
 - Technology Demo or Hack
 - Meditation or Vent Session
 - Brain Storming
 - Lightning Talks, Ignite Style



YOUR SESSION

HOW IT WORKS

- Be Prepared
 - Be in room before start time
 - Have materials/presentation ready
 - Start and finish on time
 - Ask for help, make a friend
- A volunteer notetaker and/or tech support is in the room with you





A BRIEF HISTORY
TRANSPORTATION CAMP CITIES

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2011
EAST & WEST in the U.S. by OpenPlans
MONTREAL in Canada

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2012
WASHINGTON, D.C. (Arlington)
By Mobility Lab

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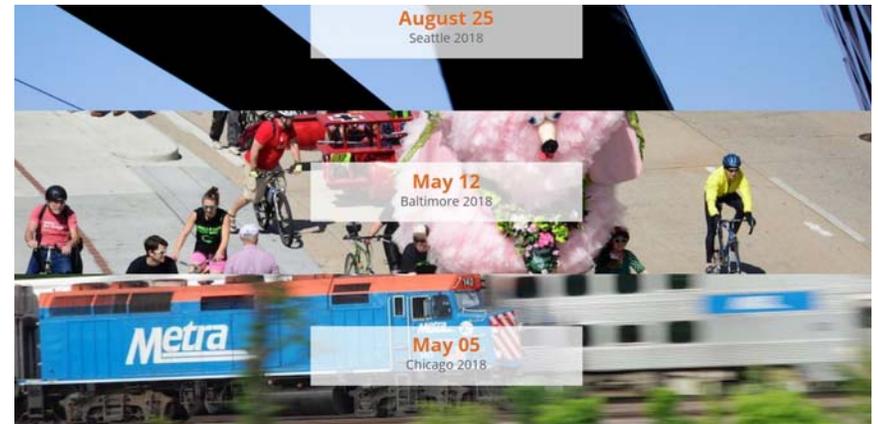
2013
SOUTH (Atlanta)
By Georgia Tech





PART OF THE FAMILY

TRANSPORTATION CAMP BALTIMORE



TRANSPORTATION CAMP BAL

SATURDAY, MAY 12

@ UB MERRICK SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



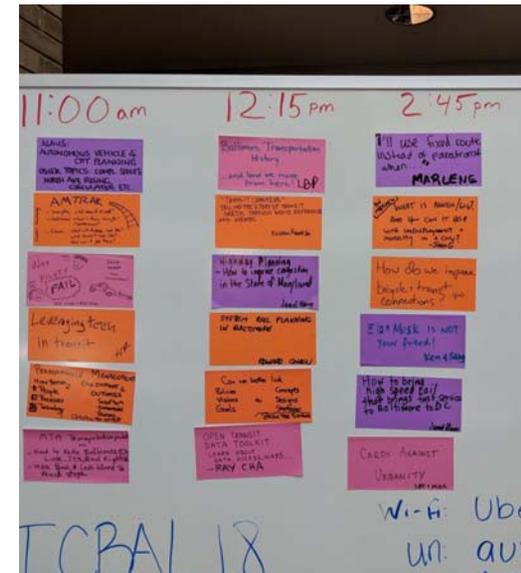
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AGENDA

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
\$15 to register, free sponsored tickets

- 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Registration opens; Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Welcome & Introductions; Session proposals
- 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Session One
- 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Session Two
- 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch & Networking; Session proposals
- 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Session Three
- 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Session Four
- 5:00 p.m. Happy Hour!

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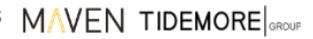
+ THEME: EQUITY

- Autonomous Vehicles & City Planning
- Complete Streets
- Amtrak: Strengths and Weaknesses
- Why Pilots Fail
- Leveraging Tech in Transit
- Performance Management
- MTA's BaltimoreLink
- Elon Musk is Not Your Friend

- Baltimore Transportation History
- "Transit Crashers" Telling the Story of Transit with Movie References and Memes
- Highway Planning and Congestion
- System Rail Planning in Baltimore
- Open Transit Data Toolkit*
- I'll Use Fixed-Route Instead of Paratransit When...
- What is Maven/Gig?
- How do we Improve Bike + Transit Connections?



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FEEDBACK

FOR NEXT YEAR!

- **More than half were first-timers;** out of about 75 attendees
- **Over 80% would attend again;** about half would attend in a different city.
- **Likes:** networking, presenting for the first time, casual format and small scale, "ability to voice opinion – no matter what experience or age."
- **Dislikes:** needed more guidance on the format, reconsider May timing, would have preferred more sessions and fewer rooms, "too transit focused."



Connecting transportation professionals to collaboratively innovate and present informed solutions to challenges facing the transportation industry.



BECOME A MEMBER

<https://myypttransportation.org/join>
\$20 annual membership
free friendship

JOIN THE BOARD

<https://bit.ly/2oKfaMs>
Candidate submissions due
September 15 at 11:59 PM



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THANK YOU