





Virtual Meeting June 10, 2019



### 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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TRANSPORTATION MATTERS; SO DOES YOUR OPINION.

Over 200 transportation projects worth \$15 billion are planned for the region over the next 25 years. Are we on the right track?

> Let us know what you think about our plans to invest in the future of transportation.



### **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



# GCALS

The BRTB developed the following set of guiding principles for the projects and programs considered in Maximize2045:



#### **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 timebased 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

## 12% VER 333,000 PEOPLE

#### HOUSEHOLDS will grow a rate of nearly



being added

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#### SYSTEM OPERATIONS & 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:



### **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



#### 2020-2023 TIP Project Viewer



#### 2020-2023 TIP Project Viewer



### 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.



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#### SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Public comments are welcome through Tuesday, June 18 by:



### EMAIL: comments@baltometro.org



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### Thank You! Questions/Comments?

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