## Overview of the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board





BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL





The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Baltimore region. The BRTB is responsible for making sure that any federal money spent on existing and future transportation projects and programs is based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) planning process. All transportation projects and programs that receive federal funding in our region go through this planning process.

The BRTB provides program management of a work plan and budget called the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that directs planning activities on an ongoing basis. Also, the BRTB provides policy direction and oversight in the development of the federally mandated long-range transportation plan, which covers 20 years and is updated every 4 years; a short-range document known as the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which covers the next 4 years and is updated annually; and the associated Air Quality Conformity Determination. The BRTB is a 13-member board representing the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore; the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Queen Anne's; and the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Planning, and the Maryland Transit Administration. In addition, the BRTB includes a representative of a public transit agency, which could be either the Maryland Transit Administration or one of the locally operated transit agencies.

The **Technical Committee** (TC) was created by the BRTB as an internal committee to develop and support all appropriate technical and policy recommendations considered by the BRTB. The TC is also responsible for performing work efforts outlined in the UPWP.

The **Public Advisory Committee** (PAC) is a vital part of the BRTB's planning process, providing feedback throughout the year. The primary role of the PAC is to provide input on key planning activities, as well as assist in outreach throughout the region.









## **AREAS OF ACTIVITY**

Transportation Planning Community Planning Environmental Planning Cooperative Purchasing



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. BMC connects the Baltimore region—how we travel, work, and live—by identifying mutual interests and developing collaborative strategies, plans, and programs. BMC is a resource for the region. BMC, as the region's council of governments (COG,) hosts the federally designated metropolitan planning organization, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB).

BMC's Board of Directors includes:

- Anne Arundel County Executive
- Baltimore City Mayor
- Baltimore County Executive
- A Carroll County Commissioner
- Harford County Executive
- Howard County Executive
- A Queen Anne's County Commissioner
- A Maryland State Senator
- A Maryland House Delegate
- A gubernatorial appointee

The BRTB is supported by eleven committees that help to deliver the work outlined in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP describes the planning activities to be performed by all state, regional, and local participants involved in the Baltimore metropolitan transportation planning process. It also provides a schedule and budget for each activity.

A series of related brochures describes this work, including: Moving People and Goods Safely and Reliably, Connecting People to Specific Destinations, Protecting Current and Future Resources, Gathering and Analyzing Data, and Promoting Inclusiveness and Cooperation.



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