

## February 2024

## The Transit Hub News

## The BMC hosted the inaugural meeting of the Baltimore Regional Transit Commission on February 2, 2024.

Created by the Maryland General Assembly in the 2023 legislative session, the Commission will work to identify and prioritize local and regional transit needs, and begin laying the groundwork for a new future of transit governance in the region. The Commission will engage state partners at the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), as well as Locally-Operated Transit Systems and transportation planning professionals, to pursue an ambitious vision of oversight and advocacy.

The Commissioners, appointed by Governor Wes Moore, Baltimore City Mayor Brandon Scott, Baltimore County Executive John Olszewski, Jr., Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman and Howard County Executive Calvin Ball, represent transit riders, employers, industry experts and others with a stake in improving greater Baltimore's transit networks. BRTC members elected Baltimore attorney Jon Laria as Chair.

In their first meeting, Commissioners heard from MTA Administrator Holly Arnold and deputies, as well as our staff supporting the work of the BRTC, to learn more about the challenges facing transit in the Baltimore region, and the work underway to overcome those challenges. In future meetings, the Commission will begin to develop a forwardlooking work plan.

The next BRTC meeting is set for <u>Friday, March 8 at 10</u> <u>a.m.</u> Members of the public are welcome to join virtually or in-person.

The BRTC is online! See link here.

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MTA Administrator Holly Arnold addressed her fellow members of the Baltimore Regional Transit Commission on Feb. 2, 2024 at the headquarters of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council. (Daniel Zawodny)

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Motorists pass through a road-widening project on Route 32 in Howard County. Photo by Bruce DePuyt,

