



Goal 5: Increase transportation funding for sustainable modes of travel

While our existing infrastructure is in dire need of maintenance and repair, the capital and operating costs for new transportation projects are extremely high. Still, Baltimore has a strong foundation as a compact city. The high density of residences, combined with distributed commercial services, can support high quality transit services. While up-front expenses are high, sustainable transportation projects are ultimately far more economical over time than building or expanding freeways.

KEY FACTS AND RELATED EFFORTS

- * The **Baltimore City Department of Transportation** operating budget for “Cleaner Greener Forms of Transportation” in FY10 was \$6,819,320. This includes the Charm City Circulator, Water Taxi Harbor Connector, Red Line and Bicycle/Pedestrian programming.
- * There are many resources for individuals to use to understand how transportation projects are planned, funded and executed. The **Baltimore Metropolitan Council** provides a list of items that will help those interested understand and become involved.
 - Context for Metropolitan Transportation Planning - Understand the framework and process for regional planning.
 - Developing a vision - Vision 2030 is the result of a collaborative effort among residents, businesses, and government agencies to create a clear vision for the future of the region over the next thirty years.
- Looking to the future - How will our transportation system serve the region in 10, 20, even 30 years from now? The long-range plan looks out 20+ years and identifies projects that will be needed to support future population and employment growth.
- Improving the System - The Transportation Improvement Program is a list of transportation priorities and projects that are requesting funding over the next 4 years. Learn more about short-range programming.
- * **Managing the work** - The **Unified Planning Work Program** summarizes the transportation planning activities of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council staff for each year.
- * **Thinking Locally** - Each jurisdiction in the region develops long-range plans for their community. These plans focus on things like zoning, land use, and transportation. Learn more about local planning and how it relates to regional planning.

TRANSPORTATION

FEDERALLY FUNDED STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS

STATE PROJECTS	LOCAL PROJECTS
Howard Street Revitalization	Central Avenue Reconstruction
Baltimore Red Line	Charles St. Gateway Rehabilitation
	Edmondson Avenue Bridge
	New Vail Street
	North Ave. Streetscape
	Southeast Infrastructure
	Howard Street Revitalization
	West Baltimore MARC Neighborhood Improvements

2 STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

- Show your support for transit projects by using them
- Urge your elected officials at all levels to support sustainable transit projects

« Through the Transportation Improvement Programs for the City of Baltimore (2011 - 2014), Baltimore obtained funding in 2010 from both the State and Federal Governments. The projects range from safety and aesthetic improvements (new sidewalks, lighting, crosswalks, ADA ramps) to expansions to enable more public transportation (e.g. the red line). The list of federal and state funded projects is in the table on this page: For details on this study, go to www.baltometro.org/publications/transportation-publications.

* Source: Baltimore Metropolitan Council