



Presentation to Transit Choices

Transportation Priorities
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GBC Operational Priority

Developing and Promoting a Comprehensive and Efficient Regional Transportation System Capable of Moving Goods, Services and the Workforce.

GBC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES - 2021

- Advocate for balanced transportation and mobility policy and funding priorities that create interconnected multimodal transportation networks and promote equitable investments in systems across regions, modes and communities.
- Policymakers should strategically invest in interconnected multimodal transportation networks that actively contribute to economic growth, connect workers to employment and move people and goods safely and efficiently.

Advocacy

Engage in local, state and federal legislative advocacy to ensure the transportation network in Greater Baltimore Region is adequately funded and maintained to ensure safe operations and planning for future growth.

Advocacy

- Ensure funding at all levels is prioritized towards **Maintenance** and **Key Projects** that enhance workforce connections and economic growth.
- Urge additional state transportation funding for the Greater Baltimore Region and oppose efforts to disproportionately direct state dollars to other regions of the state.

Advocacy

- Ensure all capital and operating funding dollars are data-driven and examined through an equity lens.
- Advocate for consistent and adequate funding levels for MTA to ensure the safe and efficient operations of current system and reduce multibillion dollar backlog to maintain existing system in state of good repair.
 - Opposition to cuts to MTA in December 2020.
 - Passage of HB 114/SB 199- Transit Safety and Investment Act.

Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan

- Participate in and support implementation of Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan.
- Establish a strong regional vision for next administration.



Workforce Connectivity


- Prioritize funding for multimodal connectivity to major workforce and distribution centers:

- Port of Baltimore
- BWI Airport
- Tradepoint Atlantic
- Port Covington



MARC Projects

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- Advocate for policy and funding to advance key MARC projects and restore service cuts as workers return to office post pandemic.

Regional Authority Study

- Support Baltimore Regional Transportation Board Analysis of MDOT and MTA governance and funding structures:
 - Opportunities for reform
 - Feasibility of implementing a regional authority model
 - Provide business community engagement in study

An aerial photograph of a complex highway interchange with multiple overpasses and ramps, showing a dense network of roads.

Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

Advocacy Projects

- Support for:
 - Howard Street Tunnel
 - Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization
 - Baltimore Greenway Trails Network
 - East-West Transit Priority Corridor
 - Russell Street and Monroe Street Bridges
- Penn Station Redevelopment

Major Funding / Policy Issues

Association of Civil Engineers Infrastructure report card

- US Infrastructure C-
- MD Infrastructure C
- MD Transit D+





- Biden Infrastructure Plan
 - Historic Investment in Infrastructure Future
 - Roads/Bridges/Public Transportation
 - B&P Tunnel
- Maryland Transportation Trust Fund – New Administration