

Moving Baltimore Forward: Transportation for Progress

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Introduction

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Experience

Chief of Staff, Baltimore City Department of Transportation (as of May 2025)

Director, Dept. of Emergency Preparedness, Frederick County (MD)

Senior Manager Government Relations, Baltimore City Dept. of Transportation

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Education

University of Maryland, Baltimore Carey School of Law - Master of Science in Law (MSL), Homeland Security and Crisis Mgmt.

University of Baltimore – Master of Public Administration

Towson University - Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Mass Communication

Baltimore is one of the oldest transit cities

- Birthplace of American railroad
- First electric streetcar system in the States was launched in Baltimore in 1885

Present

- Renaissance of Baltimore City
- Growth of small businesses
- Large business investment
- Re-Development of Inner Harbor

Future

 Transportation that supports all Baltimoreans

Objectives

BCDOT's Goals

- Maintain and improve transportation infrastructure to produce a safe, reliable, accessible, and efficient system for all users
- Provide multiple and sustainable modes of transportation to promote livable and vibrant communities across Baltimore City

BCDOT is responsible for planning, designing, and building

- 2,000 miles of roadways
- 7 miles of interstate highways
- 298 bridges and culverts
- 456 miles of alleys
- 72,000 streetlights
- 1,300 signalized intersections
- 250,000 traffic and informational signs



Opportunities and Priorities

BCDOT Opportunities

Federal Grants: Utilize and execute all fully funded grant agreements from the Federal Government (\$150 million)

Prioritize ADA projects

Connectivity: Expand transit services with additional state and federal investments

- Bike & Scooter Share
 - Discounts for low-income residents
- Locally Operated Transit
 - Charm City Circulator
 - Harbor Connector

BCDOT Priorities

Pedestrian Safety is a top priority. BCDOT is installing:

- Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons
- Rapid Flashing Beacons
- ADA Ramps
- Improved pavement markings at 20+ key crossings.
- Audible Crosswalks
- Bike signals

Road Repairs and Improvements — This year, BCDOT will:

- Repave 111 miles of road
- Repair 700,000 square feet of sidewalk
- Fill 100,000 potholes

Traffic Calming Approach

- Replaced "Speed Hump" 311 request with standardized "Traffic Calming" SR
- Holistic approach that considers all potential treatments
- Engineers work with communities to adopt best approach based on best practices



Inner Harbor Intersection Improvement Project

Goal

Enhance pedestrian safety, accessibility, and overall mobility along Pratt Street by upgrading key intersections.

Improvements

- High-visibility crosswalks
- ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps
- Countdown pedestrian signals
- Accessible pedestrian signals (for visually impaired pedestrians)
- Bicycle and pedestrian wayfinding signage
- New traffic signal conduits









Inner Harbor Intersection Improvement **Project**

Traffic Lane Closures

Temporary lane closures and adjustments at key intersections along Pratt Street:

- Light Street
- Calvert Street
- President Street

Key Considerations

Construction work will be done overnight (9 PM to 5 AM) to minimize disruptions. The number of closed lanes will vary. Construction will last about 9 months.

BCDOT Liaisons

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Relaunch of the Harbormaster's Office

Purpose and Impact

- To create a premier waterfront for use by residents and visitors
- To supports maritime safety, navigation, and harbor infrastructure in the Inner Harbor

Services and Key Features

- Oversees municipal docking and recreational boating fees management
- Provides full suite of maritime operations, including:
 - Public dock & slip reservation system
 - Harbor safety protocols and enforcement
 - Boater support services: restrooms, laundry, lounge area

Strategic Benefits

- Streamlines coordination among city agencies and waterfront stakeholders
- Lays foundation for future harbor amenity enhancements

Harbormaster's Office Contact

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Citywide Signal Retiming

Initiative on Pedestrian Safety

Goals

- Continuous pedestrian signal inspection and repair
- More Pedestrian signals on Recall
- Reduction in cycle length (to reduce pedestrian crossing delays)
- Timing for greens if traveling the speed limit to encourage safer driving

Progress

- Over 260 leading pedestrian intervals (LPI) implemented in the past 2 years
- Increased pedestrian clearance intervals in over 650 signals in the past 2 years

Learn more at streetsofbaltimore.com/retiming















Questions & Answers



Thank you!

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