Quarterly Legislative Oversight Hearing

Baltimore City Department of Transportation – August 2023

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Meeting Agenda

- Staffing Analysis
 - Recent Recruitment Efforts
- Streamlining Efforts
 - Project Close Outs
 - Blanket Permit Outreach
- Key Agency Updates
 - ADA
 - Traffic Calming
 - Automated Enforcement
 - CY 2023 Resurfacing
 - Grants
 - Legislation & Policy





Staffing Analysis







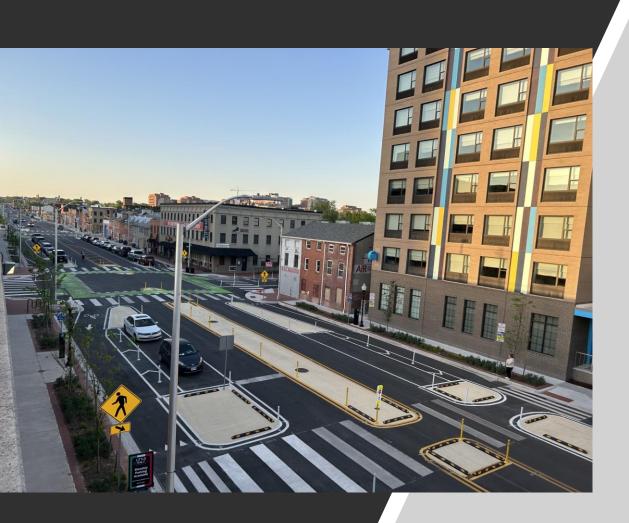
Recent Hiring Push

- DOT has onboarded 20 new staff since May 1st
- 10 staff were hired during May 19th hiring event
- 19 job offers are still pending
- Of the open job offers, 12 are specific to school crossing guard positions
- DOT has been utilizing Mayor's Office of Employment
 Development's Hire Up Program to hire temporary
 employees (14 SMA's and 2 Community Aides)

Streamlining Efforts







Project Close Outs

- Staff responsible for reviewing and completing project close outs has been increased from 1 to 4
- DOT continues to digitize records, ensuring paper files are converted to safe and accessible digital storage
- Agency leadership is currently researching feasibility of acquiring tablets with software needed to improve efficiency of project close out process
- DOT recently added this priority task to the agency's ProjectStat meeting schedule

Streamlining Efforts





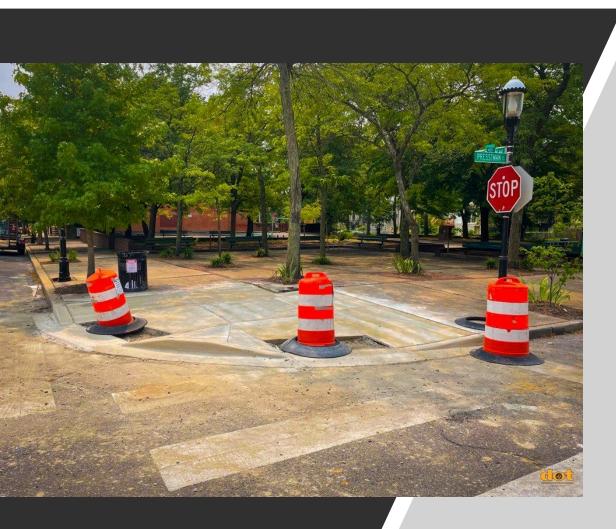


<u>Improved Utility Coordination – BGE</u>

- Emergencies
- BGE STRIDE Program
- BGE Electric Projects
- Vegetation Management
- General Maintenance
- Conduit Agreement

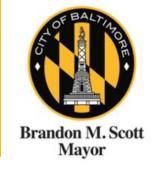




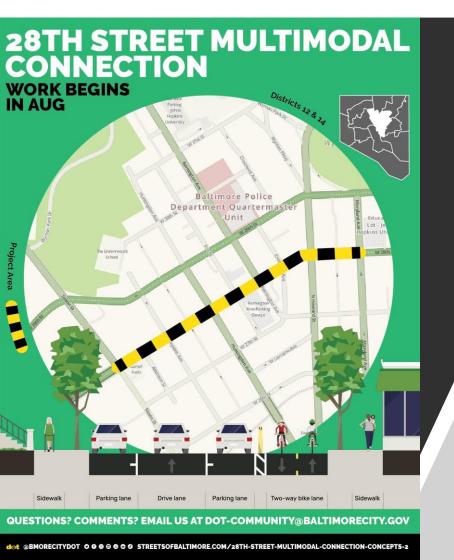


Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Efforts

- ADA Compliance Division has aggressively pursued talent, currently boasting a roster of 5 college interns, with students from Morgan State University, University of Baltimore and Muhlenberg College.
- DOT is actively evaluating concrete grinders to help address the agency's sizable sidewalk repair backlog
- ADA Compliance Division is actively reviewing open 311 SRs involving curb ramps, preliminarily identifying 222 priority repair locations







Traffic Calming Efforts

- For CY23, Traffic Division is following DOT's recently adopted Traffic Calming Policy, which incorporates equity into the project prioritization process
- In March of 2023, Traffic Division launched the Citywide Traffic Signal Optimization Project
- POOT is currently projected to surpass last year's agency record of speed hump installations by the end of CY23 construction season, with over 80 speed hump projects forecasted to be completed
- To date, precisely 55 speed hump projects have been completed, for a total of 166 individual speed humps during CY23 construction season
- Traffic Division recently completed several position upgrades, creating a new Traffic Analyst III class





Recently Completed Traffic Calming Projects

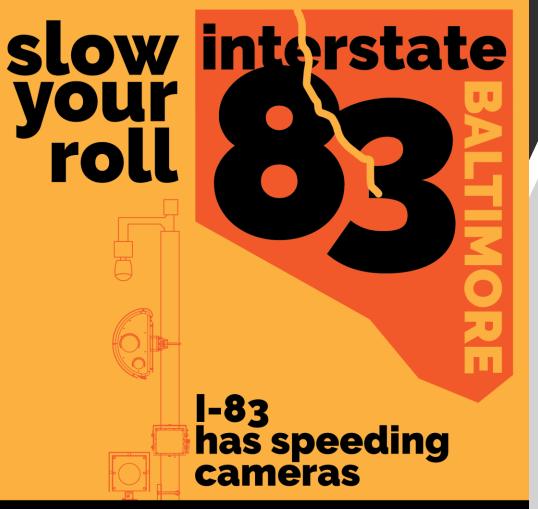
- Evans Chapel / Roland / 41st and 40th Quick-Build Improvements (D14) – Completed May 2023
- Pigtown Traffic Calming Improvements (D10) Herkimer and Scott Streets – Completed July 2023
- Cedonia Avenue Streetscape (D2) Completed July 2023
- Green & Lombard Street All Pedestrian Phase (D11)
 Completed May 2023
- Argonne Drive Resurfacing / Bike Facility / Road Diet Project (D3) – Completed Summer 2023
- Keswick & Wyman Park Intersection Improvements (D14) – Completed Summer 2023
- St. Lo Resurfacing & Lane Striping Improvements (D14) – Completed July 2023

Active / Planned Traffic Calming Projects

- Harford Road Traffic Calming/Road Diet Project (D3)
 Construction Underway
- Moravia Avenue Traffic Calming (D3) Installation Planned October 2023
- Edmonson Avenue Traffic Calming (D8) Installation Planned Fall 2023
- Radecke Park Crossing (D2) Installation Planned November 2023
- 28th Street Bike Facility/Road Diet Project (D14) Construction Underway
- Milton Avenue Traffic Calming (D13) Installation Planned October 2023
- Madison Avenue Bike Boulevard (D11) Construction Underway
- School Closure Bump-Outs (Citywide) Installation Planned Fall 2023





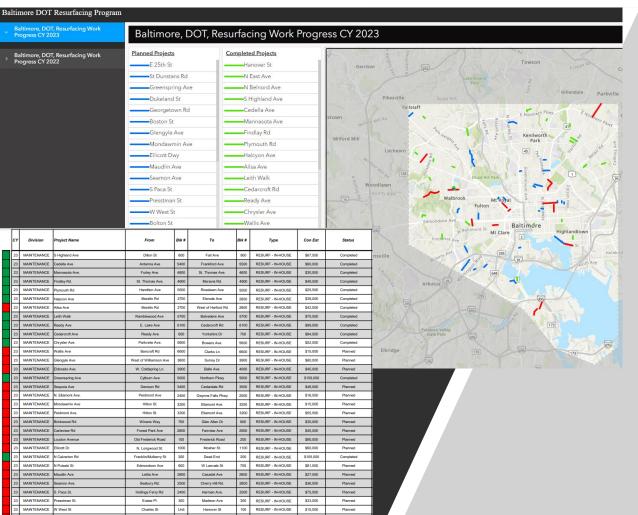


Automated Enforcement Efforts

- As of July, the agency's I-83 Speed Camera Program has been fully operational for over 1 year
- DOT is committed to studying the safety impact of the program, analyzing crash data from both before the program went live and afterwards
- The agency's efforts concerning the implementation of automated bus lane enforcement continues to make steady progress
- ATVES Division is preparing to install 4 automated red light camera enforcement systems at several of the highest crash intersections.





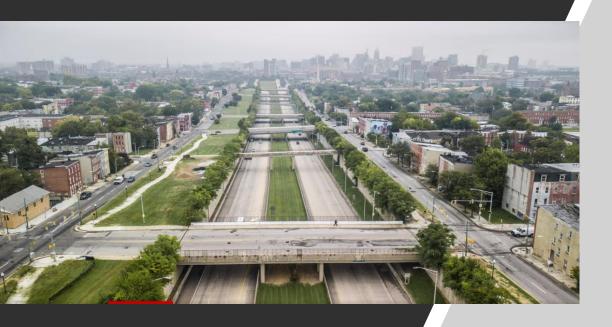


CY 2023 Resurfacing Efforts

- With forecasted Highway User Revenue (HUR) increases for the next several fiscal years, along with a recent allocation of \$10 million in ARPA funding earmarked, DOT's resurfacing capacity is slated to increase significantly
- TEC Division is actively finalizing the list of ARPA funded resurfacing projects, along with FY24 TEC resurfacing projects
- CY23 resurfacing is actively underway, running through mid-November





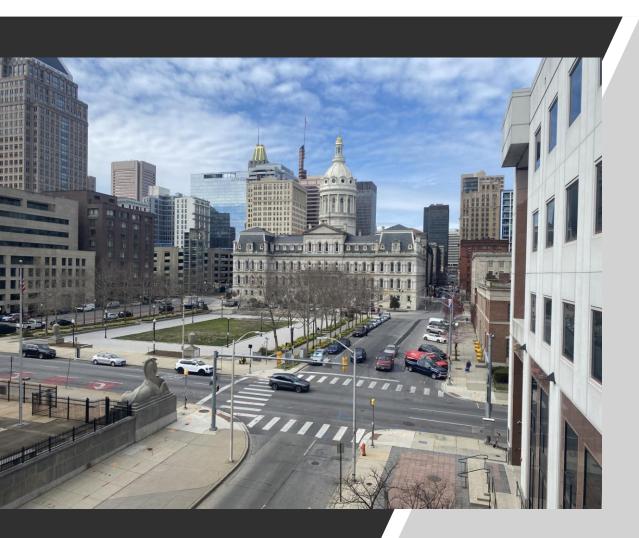


Grant Efforts

- Design is underway for Traffic's \$3.2 million Highway
 Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant award
- DOT submitted a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant application for \$10 million, in alignment with the previously awarded \$1 million in SS4A grant dollars secured last year to create an agency action plan
- DOT is in final stages of executing grant agreement for existing West Baltimore United Grant effort
- DOT is considering additional grant funds via the next round of Reconnecting Communities Grant Program







Legislation & Policy Efforts

- DOT submitted 2024 Legislative Session priorities to MOGR in July
- Curbside Commercial Policy officially went into effect July 1st and applications are actively being reviewed
- DOT worked in partnership with the Administration and City Council to secure official state transit oriented development (TOD) designation for Penn Station and Reisterstown Plaza Metro Station
- DOT also worked with partner stakeholders to pass required local legislation to eventually designate North Avenue Light Rail and Penn / North Metro as TOD

Questions?



