
INTERCOUNTY AGENCIES

For much of Maryland, local government most typically is county government. Intercountry agencies enable governments of the counties to join together in solving regional problems.

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

Chairperson: Robert R. Neall, Anne Arundel County Executive

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The Baltimore Metropolitan Council was created in 1992 as the regional planning agency for metropolitan Baltimore (Chapter 201, Acts of 1992). Replacing the Baltimore Regional Council of Governments, the Council promotes cooperation among local governments in the Baltimore metropolitan area to share information, collect data, and solve common problems. It also anticipates future needs in infrastructure, the environment, and economic development. Under formal agreements among its members, the Council provides regional planning for solid waste management and transportation.

The Council is composed of the chief elected officials of Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties.

ADVISORY BOARD

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Representatives of the legislative bodies of each county form a six-member Advisory Board to the Baltimore Metropolitan Council. The Board meets three times a year to provide a legislative perspective on budget issues, programs, and policy.

TRANSPORTATION STEERING COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Carl Balsler, Howard County

Jon Arason, designee of Mayor of Annapolis; Robert J. Dvorak, Anne Arundel County; Victor Bonaparte, Baltimore City; J. Craig Forrest, Baltimore County; Steven C. Horn, Carroll County; Stony E. Fraley, Harford County; Frederick P. Rappe, Jr., designee of Secretary of Transportation.

Nonvoting members: Diane Franks, designee of Secretary of the Environment; Christine Wells, Office of Planning.

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The Transportation Steering Committee of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council was established by a May 1992 memorandum of understanding among the member local governments, the Department of Transportation, and the Governor. The Committee serves as the metropolitan planning organization for federal transportation certification and funding. The Committee is composed of representatives of the six member governments; the Mayor of Annapolis; the Secretary of the Environment; the Secretary of Transportation; and a representative of the Office of Planning.

REGIONAL INFORMATION CENTER

Mary Logan, *Coordinator*

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The Baltimore Metropolitan Council operates the Regional Information Center, an urban planning and regional library associated with the Enoch Pratt Free Library. The Center provides data on demographic and economic trends, transportation issues, environmental management, waste management, and water quality.

MARYLAND LOWER EASTERN SHORE TOURISM CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: David Bryant, Worcester County

Appointed by Somerset County Board of County Commissioners: Elizabeth Butler; Lorraine Dryden; Edwin R. McGee.