



February 8, 2018

Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



Tri County Council
For Western Maryland

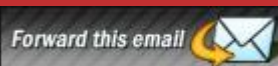
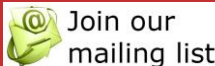
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Dates to Remember

**Tri-County Council for
Western Maryland
Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 4
5:00 pm
Allegany County**



**Notice of Funding
Availability**



2040

Maryland

TRANSPORTATION PLAN

What is the Maryland Transportation Plan and why is it important?

Every five years, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) develops a 20-year vision for transportation in the state known as the Maryland Transportation Plan (MTP). The MTP outlines the State's transportation priorities and helps create a larger context for transportation decision-making.

Funds to Serve Summer Meals to Children and Teens

The Maryland State Department of Education is seeking public and private nonprofit organizations to serve free, nutritious meals to children and teens this summer through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), a U. S. Department of Agriculture program.

Application deadline is Thursday, May 31, 2018.

USDA Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program

Program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in rural areas.

The Plan is updated through extensive consultation and coordination with state, regional and local government stakeholders and outreach to Maryland's citizens. Between November 2017 and January 2018, a survey was conducted to gather input for the 2040 MTP. The feedback was used to draft the goals and objectives of the Plan.

The draft Goals & Objectives are available for review by following [this link](#). Feedback should be provided to 2019MTP@mdot.state.md.us through February 28, 2017.

Once developed, the MTP guides the development of the **Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP)**, which identifies specific road, bridge, transit, aviation, port, pedestrian, and bikeway projects that will be funded over the six-year capital program.

Complete details of the 2040 Maryland Transportation Plan are available by visiting the MDOT [website](#).

[Maryland Transportation Plan Survey Results](#)



POWER Initiative

To date, ARC has **invested \$94 million** to help coal-impacted communities in **250 Appalachian counties** diversify and grow their economies.

www.arc.gov/POWER



The **Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative** is a congressionally funded initiative that targets federal resources to help communities and regions that have been affected by job losses in coal mining, coal power plant operations, and coal-related supply chain industries due to the changing economics of America's energy production.

Funding priority areas include workforce training, broadband expansion, entrepreneurship, and business cluster development. Find complete details [online](#).