

Please note that the TIPs contain the same information as the CTP. Please reference the TIPs for urban area transit and highway projects. Please reference the CTP for rural area highway projects. For rural/statewide area transit projects, please reference Appendix J of Part 1 Executive Summary.

■ 2.0 Overview of Transportation Planning Agencies

Maryland offers its citizens a range of modal choices, with MDOT retaining responsibility for capital investments as well as operating and planning activities that reach across all modes of transportation. The Transportation Secretary's Office (TSO) establishes transportation policy and oversees five Modal Administrations: the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA), the Maryland Port Administration (MPA), the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), and the State Highway Administration (SHA). To ensure close coordination of State transportation policy, the Secretary of Transportation also serves as Chairman of the Maryland Transportation Authority, an independent State agency responsible for Maryland's seven toll facilities and for financing new revenue producing projects.

Federal highway and transit statutes require, as a condition for spending Federal highway or transit funds in urbanized areas, the designation of MPOs. MPOs are responsible for planning, programming, and coordinating Federal highway and transit investments. The MPO decision-makers include local elected officials, state DOTs, and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)/Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Maryland's metropolitan areas are divided into the following six MPOs, with some boundaries extending into neighboring states including Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia:

- Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB);
- Cumberland MPO;
- Hagerstown-Eastern Panhandle MPO (HEPMPO);
- National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB);
- Salisbury/Wicomico Area MPO; and
- Wilmington Metropolitan Planning and Coordinating Council (WILMAPCO).

Figure 2.1 illustrates the jurisdictions of Maryland's MPOs. BRTB is the only MPO with boundaries entirely within the State of Maryland.

Figure 2.1 Maryland's Metropolitan Boundaries

