

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**May 4, 2010**  
**BMC Conference Rooms A & B**  
**9:30 A.M.**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members**

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| Carolina Arbelaez – Baltimore County Department of Public Works | 410-887-3554 |
| Iain Banks – City of Annapolis Department of Transportation     | 410-263-7964 |
| Randy Carroll – Maryland Department of the Environment          | 410-537-3240 |
| Kimani Choi – Maryland Department of Planning                   | 410-767-8876 |
| Harvey Gold – Anne Arundel County Planning & Zoning             | 410-222-7440 |
| Scott Graf – Carroll County Department of Planning              | 410-386-2145 |
| Derek Gunn – State Highway Administration                       | 410-545-5642 |
| Valorie LaCour – Baltimore City Department of Transportation    | 410-396-6856 |
| Theo Ngongang – Maryland Department of Transportation           | 410-865-1308 |
| Ben Pickar – Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning      | 410-313-4360 |
| Alex Rawls – Harford County Department of Planning              | 410-879-2000 |

**Staff/Guests**

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| Bala Akundi – Baltimore Metropolitan Council     | 410-732-0500 x1019 |
| Charles Baber – Baltimore Metropolitan Council   | 410-732-0500 x1056 |
| Robert Berger – Baltimore Metropolitan Council   | 410-732-0500 x1037 |
| Jamie Bridges – Baltimore Metropolitan Council   | 410-732-0500 x1053 |
| Dunbar Brooks – Baltimore Metropolitan Council   | 410-732-9574       |
| Edward Cohen – TRAC                              | 410-837-6582       |
| Victor Henry – Baltimore Metropolitan Council    | 410-732-0500 x1034 |
| Nancy Jones – Baltimore Metropolitan Council     | 410-732-0500 x1025 |
| Dami Kehinde – State Highway Administration      | 410-545-5560       |
| Todd Lang – Baltimore Metropolitan Council       | 410-732-9566       |
| Jody McCullough – Baltimore Metropolitan Council | 410-732-0500 x1049 |
| Birat Pandey – Baltimore Metropolitan Council    | 410-732-0500 x1050 |
| Kevin Racine – Citizen                           | 410-939-2838       |
| Sara Tomlinson – Baltimore Metropolitan Council  | 410-732-0500 x1035 |

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 A.M. by the Chair, Mr. Ben Pickar.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 6, 2010 TC MINUTES:** Mr. Pickar asked for approval of the minutes of the April 6, 2010 Technical Committee meeting. Mr. Theo Ngongang moved for

approval of the minutes with Mr. Alex Rawls seconding the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**REPORT ON APRIL 27, 2010 MEETING OF THE BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD:** Mr. Dunbar Brooks reported that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) met on April 27, 2010 with the elected officials in attendance and endorsed four Resolutions: #10-19, Funding through the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Grant Program; #10-20, Grant Applications for Federal Assistance from Job Access & Reverse Commute and New Freedom Programs; #10-21, Approval of Fiscal Year 2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget; and, #10-22, Approving the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. Mr. Ralign Wells, Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) Administrator, shared MTA's mission and identified opportunities where the MTA and the BRTB are working together. A Nominating Committee was announced with the appointment of Mr. Carl Balsler as Chair and Mr. Emery Hines and Mr. Mike Nixon as members. A slate of officers will be presented to the BRTB in May. An update on *imagine 2060* was also presented.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO FY 2008 CMAQ AWARD:** The Technical Committee was asked to consider sending Resolution #10-23 to the BRTB for approval. The resolution substitutes one Baltimore City project for another under the FY 2008 recommendations. Ms. Sara Tomlinson, BMC, described the proposed change. At their March 25, 2008 meeting, the BRTB approved a list of projects for federal CMAQ funding, through Resolution #08-19. This list included a project for retrofitting 26 fire trucks using EPA-verified diesel particulate filters. The CMAQ funding for this project was listed on the resolution at \$225,000. Since the March 25, 2008 meeting, Baltimore City staff has determined that there are no EPA-verified diesel particulate filters meeting the requirements of the fire trucks identified. As a result, Baltimore City is proposing a change in the scope of the project requesting funding. They are proposing to retrofit 13 (5-ton) dump trucks with diesel particulate filters, which are EPA/CARB-verified. The request is still for \$225,000. The local match is from the City at \$58,500.

Mr. Pickar asked for a motion to approve Resolution #10-23 to amend a Baltimore City application for Federal Assistance through the FY 2008 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program. Mr. Harvey Gold made a motion for approval that was seconded by Mr. Iain Banks. The TC approved the motion, and Resolution #10-23 was recommended to the BRTB for adoption.

**SELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Mr. Pickar announced the formation of a Nominating Committee consisting of Mr. Iain Banks as Chair with Mr. Theo Ngongang and Mr. Alex Rawls as Vice-Chairs to determine the Technical Committee officers for the next fiscal year. The Nominating Committee will make a recommendation at the June TC meeting, with the election taking place at the July meeting.

### **PRESENTATION BY LOCAL/STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Ms. Nicole Katsikides, MDOT, provided an update on the Statewide Freight Plan which is currently in the implementation phase. She pointed out that freight is vital to the economy of the state and the region but the public perception about freight is very limited. There is an effort underway to change the message about freight and make it more relevant by educating the public by including common products such as toothpaste, shoes, T-shirts, etc. Freight has an impact on the following aspects on our economy: economic competitiveness, product availability, local tax base, job creation, shared infrastructure issues, congestion, and quality of life.

Ms. Katsikides touched upon each of these aspects and talked about the challenges we face in the Baltimore region which is part of the emerging Northeast mega-region. She pointed out that there needs to be greater coordination between freight planning and local land use and economic development moving forward. There are over 250 freight related projects in the statewide freight plan at a total cost of approximately \$35 Billion in public and private funds. MDOT is taking a 4-point approach to implementation:

- County and local jurisdictions
- Policy, performance measures & project development
- Outreach to relevant organizations
- Participation in additional efforts

Ms. Katsikides noted that there is a freight stakeholder advisory committee made up of external, private sector partners and an intermodal advisory committee that includes MPO's and other local and regional partners that will help guide the implementation process. The statewide freight plan is a tool and a living document that will help with the implementation process. She also touched upon the major state and national efforts underway including the National Gateway Project (CSX), the Crescent Corridor (NS), the Baltimore Rail Tunnel Study, High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail, and the Statewide Rail Plan. Mr. Pickar suggested that the current visioning effort underway for the Baltimore region take into account the freight needs and activities outlined by Ms. Katsikides.

### **VISION PLAN FOR THE BALTIMORE REGION:**

#### **Values Meeting and Upcoming Scenario Planning Workshop:**

The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board, the counties and local jurisdictions are seeking public input as they develop a comprehensive vision for the region's transportation system. The Values Phase of *Imagine 2060* and long-range transportation plan is underway. The information gathered during the Values Phase will be used in the development of the Goals for the long range transportation plan. The goals will reflect Economic, Safety, Security, Accessibility and Mobility, Freight, Environment, Integration and Connectivity and System Preservation. The preparations for the next phase, Scenario Development, are underway. The meetings will take place from June 9 to 28<sup>th</sup> using an open house format. The theme of the Scenario Development phase will be exploring the aspects of various scenarios through education and participant interactivity. Input from the

Scenario Development will be used for identifying regional preferences for transportation investment.

***[Handout: Vision and Long Range Transportation Plan Timeline]***

**PROGRESS REPORT ON UPWP PROJECTS:**

**2007 Household Travel Survey Update – Non-Work Travel:**

Mr. Robert Berger presented additional findings from the 2007/2008 Household Travel Survey. The household travel survey collected two types of data on travel patterns from study participants: An activity diary captured revealed data during one assigned weekday, and a follow-up questionnaire asked about demographic characteristics and general information on travel in the previous week. An analysis of daily travel by trip purpose and mode share was provided that drew on the activity diary data.

The topics covered included household trip rates and trip length distribution, compared by jurisdiction. The data suggest that commuting trips account for less than 20% of total daily trips but have trip lengths three times the distance of other trips for non-work purposes. They also reveal some important characteristics of pedestrian and transit trips, as well as the prevalence of auto passenger trips in suburban jurisdictions. The presentation led to an active discussion by the committee.

***[Handout: Household Travel Survey – Presentation of Findings on Weekday Travel, May 4, 2010]***

**Status of 2010 Census:**

Ms. Nancy Jones presented an update on Census-related UPWP activities. Members of the Cooperative Forecasting Group revised 2000 Census boundary files for census tracts, block groups, and census designated places for Census 2010 as part of the Participant Statistical Area Program (PSAP). The Census Bureau is in the final stages of file review and is expected to release boundary files in late summer 2010. Those files will be available at <http://www.census.gov/geo/www/maps/>. She also provided details about the 2010 Census data release schedule. State redistricting data will be available in February or March 2011; Summary File 1 will be available in Summer 2011; and, Summary File 2 will be available in Winter 2011/2012. The complete release schedule is available at <http://www.census.gov/population/www/cen2010/glance/index.html>.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Baber distributed a copy of the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) which was approved by the BRTB at their April 27, 2010 meeting. Mr. Baber also introduced Mr. Birat Pandey who has joined the BMC in the Technical Analysis section.

With no other business to discuss, Mr. Pickar asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gold moved for adjournment, with Mr. Scott Graf seconding the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:18 A.M.