

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

June 1, 2010

BMC Conference Rooms A & B

9:30 A.M.

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ATTENDANCE

Members

Carolina Arbelaez – Baltimore County Department of Public Works	410-887-3554
Iain Banks – City of Annapolis Department of Transportation	410-263-7964
Kimani Choi – Maryland Department of Planning	410-767-8876
Harvey Gold – Anne Arundel County Planning & Zoning	410-222-7440
Richard Jaramilla – Maryland Transportation Authority	410-537-5676
Dami Kehinde – State Highway Administration	410-545-5560
Valorie LaCour – Baltimore City Department of Transportation	410-396-6856
Theo Ngongang – Maryland Department of Transportation	410-865-1308
Alex Rawls – Harford County Department of Planning	410-879-2000
Jim Wilkinson – Maryland Department of the Environment	410-537-3240

Staff/Guests

Regina Aris – Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)	410-732-9572
Charles Baber – BMC	410-732-0500 x1056
Robert Berger – BMC	410-732-0500 x1037
Jamie Bridges – BMC	410-732-0500 x1053
Tyson Byrne – BMC	410-732-0500 x1048
Dunbar Brooks – BMC	410-732-9574
Edward Cohen – TRAC	410-837-6582
Danyell Diggs – Baltimore City Department of Transportation	410-396-6856
Victor Henry – BMC	410-732-0500 x1034
Todd Lang – BMC	410-732-9566
Jody McCullough – BMC	410-732-0500 x1049
Kevin Racine – Citizen	410-939-2838
Sara Tomlinson – BMC	410-732-0500 x1035

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 A.M. by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Alex Rawls, in the absence of the Chair, Mr. Ben Pickar.

APPROVAL OF MAY 4, 2010 TC MINUTES: Mr. Rawls asked for approval of the minutes of the May 4, 2010 Technical Committee meeting. Mr. Iain Banks moved for approval of the minutes with Mr. Harvey Gold seconding the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

REPORT ON MAY 25, 2010 MEETING OF THE BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD: Mr. Dunbar Brooks reported that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) met on May 25, 2010. Resolution #10-23 (Approval of Amendment to the FY 2008 CMAQ Award) was approved wherein diesel particulate filters are substituted from fire trucks to dump trucks. The Nominating Committee proposed the existing slate of Chair and Vice-Chair, i.e., Carroll County and Harford County, respectively. There was a presentation on the upcoming use of the new air quality model, MOVES, and on the next SIP by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). The Committee heard the results of the Household Travel Survey and an update on *Imagine 2060*. In addition, a guest speaker from the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation (MAEF) gave his perspective on the region's vision for the long term.

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF FY 2011 DBE PARTICIPATION GOAL: Mr. Brooks introduced Resolution #10-24 which adopts the proposed Fiscal Year 2011 goal for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise activities for the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) and the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB). Mr. Gold asked if the BRTB was reaching its DBE goal for FY 2010. Ms. Regina Aris responded that she believes the goal is met however a presentation with details will be made in July after the conclusion of the FY.

Mr. Rawls asked for a motion to approve Resolution #10-24. Mr. Theo Ngongang made a motion for approval that was seconded by Ms. Valorie LaCour. The TC approved the motion, and Resolution #10-24 will be recommended to the BRTB for adoption.

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Mr. Banks, Mr. Ngongang and Mr. Rawls reported to the TC on activities of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee has met and discussed possible candidates, which includes the possibility of continuing with the current chair and vice-chair. There is a possibility of staff changes at the BRTB level for some jurisdictions with unknown ramifications on the staffing of the Technical Committee. Mr. Brooks reminded the Committee that the jurisdiction is identified as the chair and vice-chair and the jurisdiction staff member representing the nominated jurisdiction would serve as the TC officer. The Nominating Committee suggested that they continue to meet discussing possible candidates and also consider BRTB staffing changes. The Nominating Committee will present recommended officers for approval at the July Technical Committee.

PRESENTATION BY LOCAL/STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Ms. Danyell Diggs, Baltimore City Red Line Coordinator, gave a presentation on the first Annual Report for the Red Line Community Compact. After going over a summary of the Compact, Ms. Diggs indicated that the Report provides an account of the progress of activities described in the Compact. Activities in the Annual Report from the Compact include: a job study that has been completed describing the kind of jobs the Red Line will create; a call for volunteers to be on Station Area Advisory Committees (SAACs) to assist in station design (applications are now being accepted by MTA); a commitment to making the Red Line green by adding

more green space around the stations; the construction commitment to hire local employees; and the next steps for the compact. There was some discussion about the SAACs which the City and MTA hope to start meeting with in September. Ms. Aris stated that the invitation for a presentation was prompted by the national attention to the compact as a means of engaging communities with a local jurisdiction and transit agency in the process. As *imagine 2060* proceeds, as a result of citizens and groups wanting more transit in the region, this compact can serve as an example of how other jurisdictions may engage local communities early in the process.

[Handout: The Red Line Community Compact – Annual Status Report – April 2010 – Defining the Success of the Baltimore Red Line on Community Terms]

IMAGINE 2060: Ms. Jody McCullough briefed the Committee on *imagine 2060* and said that public involvement for the Values Phase of *imagine 2060* included approximately 160 attendees at the meetings that were held around the region and 350 people participating in the Values Survey. The next phase of *imagine 2060* includes a series of Open House meetings. There will be nine meetings throughout the region to discuss the right balance between where we will live and how we will get around. The BRTB will also begin working on the development of the goals for the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The goals will be developed based on input from the *imagine 2060* Values Phase, other technical information and input from the BRTB and its committees. The LRTP must be adopted by the BRTB by November 2011.

[Handout: imagine 2060 Flyer]

PROGRESS REPORT ON UPWP PROJECTS:

Draft Conformity Results from the 2011-2014 TIP:

Ms. Sara Tomlinson presented an update on the status of the conformity determination of the FY 2011-2014 TIP and Plan. The draft conformity determination, out for public review through June 22, indicates that the region meets the requirements of the state implementation plan (SIP). The projected emissions in modeled horizon years are below the budgets set in the SIP, as well as applicable interim budgets. The modeled horizon years are 2015, 2025, and 2035. Modeled pollutants include daily emissions of volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides (precursors of ozone), carbon monoxide, and yearly emissions of direct fine particulate matter and the PM2.5 precursor NOx. While the region meets the conformity determination requirements this year, she indicated that future air quality requirements need to be considered moving forward. On March 2, 2010, EPA released a new motor vehicle emissions model, MOVES, which is predicted to increase the estimated emissions of some pollutants. There is a two year grace period before this model must be used for conformity determinations. In addition, EPA plans to set a new, lower federal standard for ground-level ozone in August 2010, with attainment/nonattainment designations occurring in August 2011. She referred to the presentation given by Ms. Diane Franks of MDE on these topics at the May BRTB meeting.

[Handout: TABLE II-9 – Final Emissions Results – Ozone and CO Standard; TABLE II-10 – Final Emissions Results – PM2.5 Standard; Conformity Determination FY 2011-2014 TIP and Transportation Outlook 2035 Draft Results]

Model Validation – Trip Generation Rates:

This topic was deferred until a later date.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Todd Lang distributed information on the DOT announcement of funding availability for the TIGER II Discretionary Grant program. The TIGER II applications will be assessed using a multi-agency evaluation and award process with the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Mr. Ngongang indicated that MDOT has been following the process.

With no other business to discuss, Mr. Rawls asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gold moved for adjournment, with Mr. Ngongang seconding the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 A.M.