ATTENDANCE

Members/Staff
Mary Alexander – Citizen, Baltimore City
Regina Aris – Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)
Jane Dembner – The Columbia Association
Peter Duvall - Citizen, Baltimore City
John Eberherd – Citizen, Howard County
Monica Haines Benkhedda – BMC
Emery Hines – BRTB Liaison – Baltimore County
Barbara Huston – Partners in Care
Stephen Lauria – Citizen, Baltimore City
Kevin Racine – Citizen, Harford County
Michele Rosenberg – Citizen, Baltimore City
Stuart Stainman – Citizen, Baltimore County
Alan Sweatman – Friends of Harford
Gus Williamson - Citizen, Baltimore City
Beth Wiseman – Baltimore County Association of Senior Citizens Organizations
Chris Yoder – Citizen, Baltimore City

Guests
Jennifer Jones – Citizen, Baltimore City
Ted Rosenberg – Citizen, Baltimore City
Morgan Russo – Student, UMBC
Yasmin Teymounan - Student, UMBC
Heather Weir - Citizen

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME
Ms. Michele Rosenberg welcomed everyone to the November meeting of the CAC.

2. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS
The following subcommittee reports and action items were presented:

- Membership – Ms. Rosenberg presented a list of recommendations for new members and two recommendations for returning members – herself and Ms. Brenda Latney-Lee. She also noted that there is a need for more members from Carroll, Anne Arundel, and Harford Counties. At this time, most of the applications are from people who live in Baltimore City. The subcommittee
recognizes that this is not ideal and it plans to seek greater diversity in future applications, but it feels that this is a good slate of candidates with diverse backgrounds. The CAC discussed concerns about diversity and the pros/cons of leaving some slots open until members from other locations could be presented. In the end, the CAC felt it was important to embrace those interested and able to volunteer their time. The slate of applicants was approved, with two members noting opposition.

Nominations for the 2012 CAC Chairs were accepted from the floor. Mr. Steven Lauria and Ms. Michele Rosenberg were both nominated for Chair. Mr. Lauria and Ms. Beth Wiseman were both nominated for Vice Chair. Ms. Jane Dembner was also nominated, but she declined due to other commitments. The election for the 2012 Chairs will occur at the December 2011 CAC meeting.

Members also raised the issue of revisiting the bylaws. Ms. Monica Haines Benkhedda agreed to reconvene the bylaws subcommittee to review these items. Ms. Regina Aris noted that the BRTB had received the best practices report and had some questions for the subcommittee. Staff will follow-up with the subcommittee regarding this matter.

- **Public Involvement** – Ms. Beth Wiseman reported that the subcommittee had met earlier that day and discussed several ideas, including developing a schedule of dates and locations to promote discussion of the need for greater transportation funding, providing new member orientation, and working with staff to create a brochure about the BRTB and citizen engagement. Mr. Lauria suggested that the committee develop a plan for doing outreach that ties into staff plans.

- **Policy and Legislation** – Mr. Lauria reported that the subcommittee reviewed and submitted 8 pages of comments on the draft *Plan It 2035*. He asked for formal CAC approval of these comments so that they may be formally presented to the BRTB at their next meeting on November 14th. He also noted his appreciation to the BMC staff for their excellent staff support in providing maps and information.

### 3. REPORT ON RECENT AND UPCOMING BRTB MEETINGS

Highlights of the October 25, 2011 BRTB meeting include: Approval of three resolutions (#12-5, #12-6 and #12-7) to amend the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – the West Pratt Street & South Arlington Avenue Parking Facility project; the Reconnecting West Baltimore Pedestrian & Bicycle Network project; and the Charm City Circulator project. The BRTB approved a letter of support for the joint MDOT/Anne Arundel County Odenton MARC Town Center Phase 1 TIGER III discretionary grant application. The proposed project relocates 700 surface parking spaces into a 5-story MARC parking garage and enhances intermodal and pedestrian access at the station, enabling Transit Oriented Development (TOD) with private and county development. The TOD will catalyze future development phases in support of Base Realignment and Closure Initiatives at Ft. Meade and the National Security Agency (NSA). Finally, the BRTB had a robust discussion about the public comments received during the outreach efforts for *Plan It 2035*, the FY 2012-2015 TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Determination.

Ms. Aris did not report on the last Technical Committee meeting, however, minutes from this and other recent BRTB meetings can be found at [www.baltometro.org/transportationplanning/minutes-of-the-brtb-and-committees](http://www.baltometro.org/transportationplanning/minutes-of-the-brtb-and-committees). The next BRTB meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2011 at 4:30 pm with elected officials and empowered representatives. The next Technical Committee meeting is Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. A calendar and list of agendas for upcoming BRTB meetings are available online at [www.baltometro.org/calendar/calendar](http://www.baltometro.org/calendar/calendar).
4. PRESENTATION OF BRTB RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Aris reported that the BRTB will be voting on the following resolutions at their next meeting on November 14th. These items have been out for public review and final public comments will be accepted during the public meeting.

- Resolution #12-8 Approving Plan It 2035 and the associated Air Quality Conformity Determination
- Resolution #12-9 Approving the FY 2012-2015 TIP for the Baltimore Region and the associated Air Quality Conformity Determination
- Resolution #12-10 Approving Self-Certification of the Metropolitan Planning Process

Note: CAC members were notified by e-mail following the meeting that the following four TIP amendments were added as action items for the November 14th BRTB meeting. This was done with FHWA approval in an effort to allow obligation of FY 2012 money under the FY 2011 TIP.

1. Resolution #12-12: Annapolis Road and Waterview Bridge over the BW Parkway (Bridge Rehabilitation) – Amending the FY 2011 TIP sheet exactly as written in the FY 2012 TIP.
2. Resolution #12-13: Citywide Earmark and Enhancements – Amending the FY 2011 TIP sheet exactly as written in the FY 2012 TIP.
3. Resolution #12-14: Key Highway/Light Street Roundabout – Amending the FY 2011 TIP sheet exactly as written in the FY 2012 TIP.
4. Resolution #12-15: Frederick Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation – Originally contained within the FY 2011 Areawide Bridge Preservation Program. It is now broken out as separate project in recognition of cost.

5. PRESENTATION: EPA’S PROPOSAL TO RECLASSIFY THE BALTIMORE REGION FROM “MODERATE” TO “SERIOUS”

Ms. Sara Tomlinson presented information to the CAC on the U.S. EPA’s September proposal to “bump-up” the Baltimore region’s air quality nonattainment status for ground-level ozone pollution from “moderate” to “serious.” She noted that only one air quality monitor is responsible for the region not meeting the federal ozone standard. This monitor is located in Edgewood, and has noticeably higher readings than the next highest monitor. If the reclassification is finalized, the state will be required to submit a revised air quality State Implementation Plan (SIP) to EPA by September 30, 2012. This plan will have to show how the region intends to reach the 1997 ozone standard by the new date. The reclassification would also require that the region show 9% in additional reductions. The BRTB would also have to model the regions on-road transportation emissions for all long- and short-range transportation plans for all required attainment years.

CAC members asked a number of questions:
- According to the map, it appears there aren’t any monitors on the eastern shore – MDE operates two monitors on the Eastern Shore. One is in Kent County at Millington and there is also a research grade monitor at Salisbury.
- Has there been a study on the health effects of the poor air quality readings in the Edgewood area? – There have not been any specific health studies around Edgewood....the monitor itself is actually located on post at Aberdeen Proving Ground. MDE does plan on some analysis to examine if other parts of the region experience similar AQ readings.
- What are the measurements for the charts on Slides 6 and 11? – Slide 6 shows the Baltimore region's ozone data. The X axis (bottom) measures time, while the Y axis (left) lists the ozone measurements in Parts per Billion (ppb). The chart displays the gradual downward trend towards the static blue line, which is the now old 85 ppb standard. Slide 11 shows the Baltimore region's emissions by tons per year, with various sources of pollution shown in color. This shows a trend where we have dramatically cut emissions between 2002 and 2009 (and projected 2012).
6. DECEMBER AGENDA, OTHER BUSINESS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The group discussed ideas for the December agenda, including the election of the 2012 Chairs; ideas for what the CAC and its subcommittees should work on in 2012; and an annual report of its accomplishments for 2011. Mr. Lauria noted that if any members are not able to be at the December meeting, they should designate a proxy in writing (e-mail is ok) and send to Ms. Haines Benkhedda so that their vote can be collected.

Ms. Rosenberg asked if the CAC members would like to create a statement of support for PlanMaryland. Members suggested that this is the kind of thing that should be evaluated and developed by the Policy and Legislation subcommittee. Members also felt that this is out of the CAC’s direct purview and that individual members could submit public comments if they wished.

The following announcements were made:

- The MD Department of Transportation will host public meetings on the Baltimore-Washington Rail Intermodal Facility on November 15, 17, and 21 in Jessup, Elkridge, and Beltsville respectively. More information can be found online at the project web site at www.mdot.maryland.gov/Planning/ICTF/Home.html
- The Charm City Circulator is now operating its Green Route, serving key downtown locations such as City Hall, Fell's Point, the Water Taxi Harbor Connector landing at Maritime Park and the Johns Hopkins Medical Campus. More information: www.charmcitycirculator.com

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the BMC.