



BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date: Friday, July 21, 2023
Time: 9:00 AM

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BMC AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – BMC Chairman Dr. Calvin Ball

ACTION ITEMS
(Requiring Votes)

2. **Approval of April 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes** (ATTACHMENT 1)

PRESENTATIONS

3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

- a. US EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
- b. Baltimore Regional Transit Commission
- c. Chesapeake Connect
- d. BMC/BRTB project updates
 - i. Fees, Fares and Fines Study
 - ii. Post Pandemic Trends in Employment, Commercial Real Estate, Housing Location Choice and Travel Demand

4. **PRESENTATION FROM THE GREATER BALTIMORE COMMITTEE**

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council will be on Friday, October 20, 2023

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ATTACHMENT 1



BMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Honorable Calvin Ball, Howard County Executive
Vice Chair, Baltimore Metropolitan Council
Honorable James J. Moran, Queen Anne County Commissioner
Vice Chair, Baltimore Metropolitan Council
Honorable Steuart Pittman, Anne Arundel County Executive
Honorable Brandon Scott, Baltimore City Mayor
Honorable Ed Rothstein, Carroll County Commissioner
Honorable Robert Cassilly, Harford County Executive
Honorable William C. Ferguson, Maryland State Senator, Baltimore City, District 46
Honorable Tony Bridges, Maryland State Delegate, Baltimore City, District 41

MEMBERS ABSENT

Honorable Johnny Olszewski, Baltimore County Executive
Tom Sadowski, Gubernatorial Appointee, Vice Chancellor for Economic Development,
University System of Maryland

KEY BMC STAFF PRESENT

Michael B. Kelly, Executive Director
Todd Lang, Director of Transportation
Sheila Mahoney, Director of Special Projects and External Affairs
Regina Aris, Assistant Director of Transportation

BMC Chair, Honorable Howard County Executive Calvin Ball called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Our new members Commissioner Rothstein and County Executive Cassilly were welcomed to the Board. Also extended thanks to Delegate Bridges who is leaving. Delegate Bridges will be moving onto the Maryland Department of Transportation as an Assistant Secretary. We then started with the first agenda item.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of October 21, 2022 meeting minutes

BMC Chair County Executive Ball made a request for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Maryland State Senator William Ferguson motioned to approve and the Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the minutes from the October 21, 2022 meeting.



2. Approval of FY 24 BMC Budget

BMC Executive Director, Mike Kelly discussed highlights of the FY 24 BMC budget. BMC Board Chair, Howard County Executive Calvin Ball asked for approval of the BMC FY24 budget. Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman motioned to approve the budget and Maryland State Delegate Tony Bridges seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the FY24 BMC budget.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chesapeake Connect 2023

Mike Kelly, BMC's Executive Director, updated the board on the 2023 Chesapeake Connect trip to the Twin Cities. The trip dates are October 10 – 12, 2023. This was our planned destination for 2020, but due to the pandemic, the trip was cancelled. We will be sending out additional information over the next few weeks.

Legislative Update

The focus of our legislation this year was the outcome of the transit governance and funding study, specifically House Bill 0794 - Baltimore Regional Transit Commission - Establishment. This will go into effect in October, and the Commission is supposed to begin in January. This is a great accomplishment for Delegate Bridges as he leaves us, and probably stays with us on this particular issue at some level.

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program

BMC is coordinating a regional proposal for a CPRG grant. BMC staff is coordinating with each member jurisdiction to put a proposal together for this federal EPA opportunity. It is formula funding to both states and metro areas.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Board will be a virtual meeting on Friday, July 21, 2023. As there was no further business, Chair Howard County Executive Calvin Ball entertained the motion to adjourn. Maryland State Senator William C. Ferguson motioned to approve and Maryland State Delegate Tony Bridges seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael B. Kelly, Executive Director

ATTACHMENT 2



**BALTIMORE
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July 21, 2023



July 21 – Executive Director’s Report

US EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Baltimore Regional Transit Commission

Chesapeake Connect

BMC/BRTB Projects

US EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant



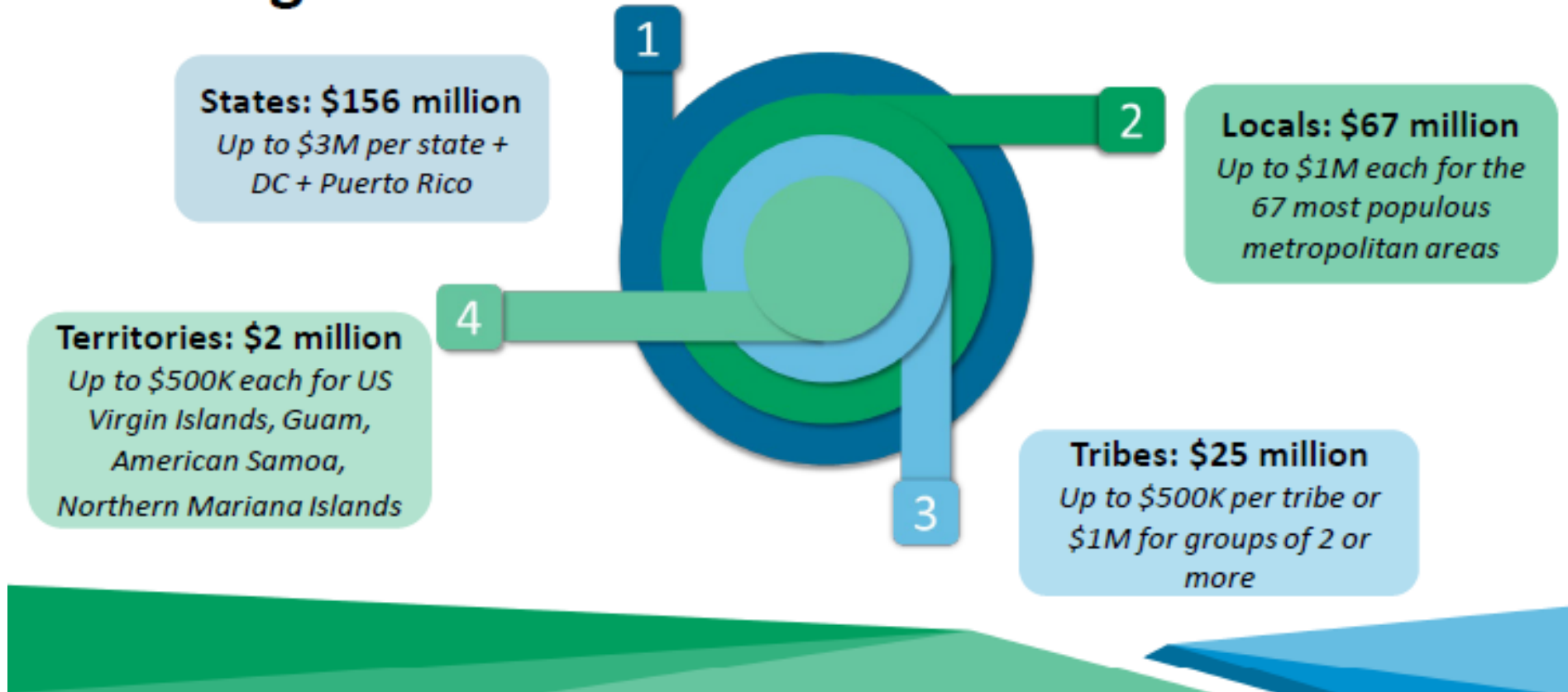
Overview of CPRG Program

- 2 phase process, planning (\$250M) and implementation (\$4.6B).
- Planning Phase awards \$1M each to the 67 largest metro areas in the country.
- Implementation Phase \$4.6B in competitive implementation grants



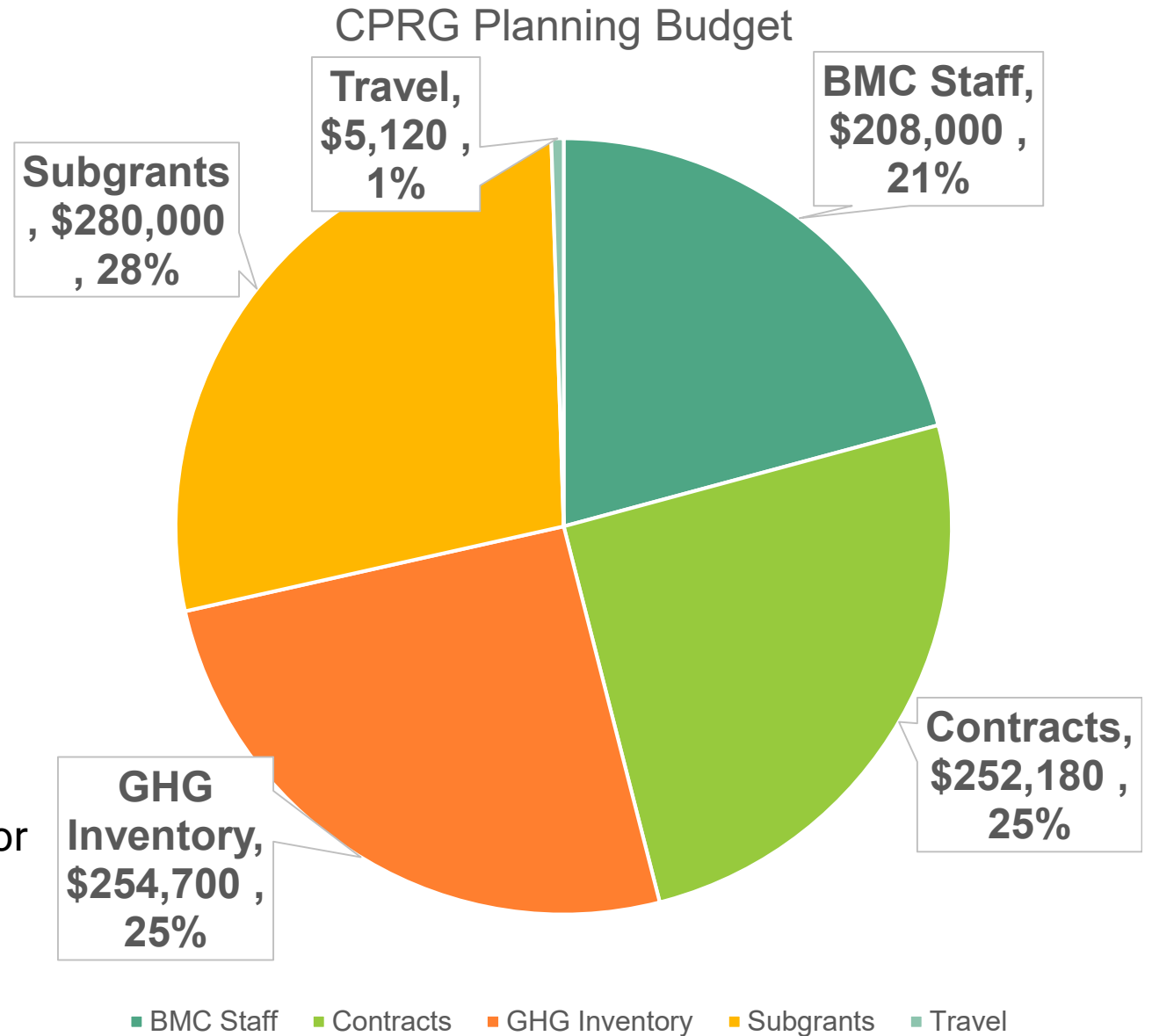
CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT

Planning Grant Allocations

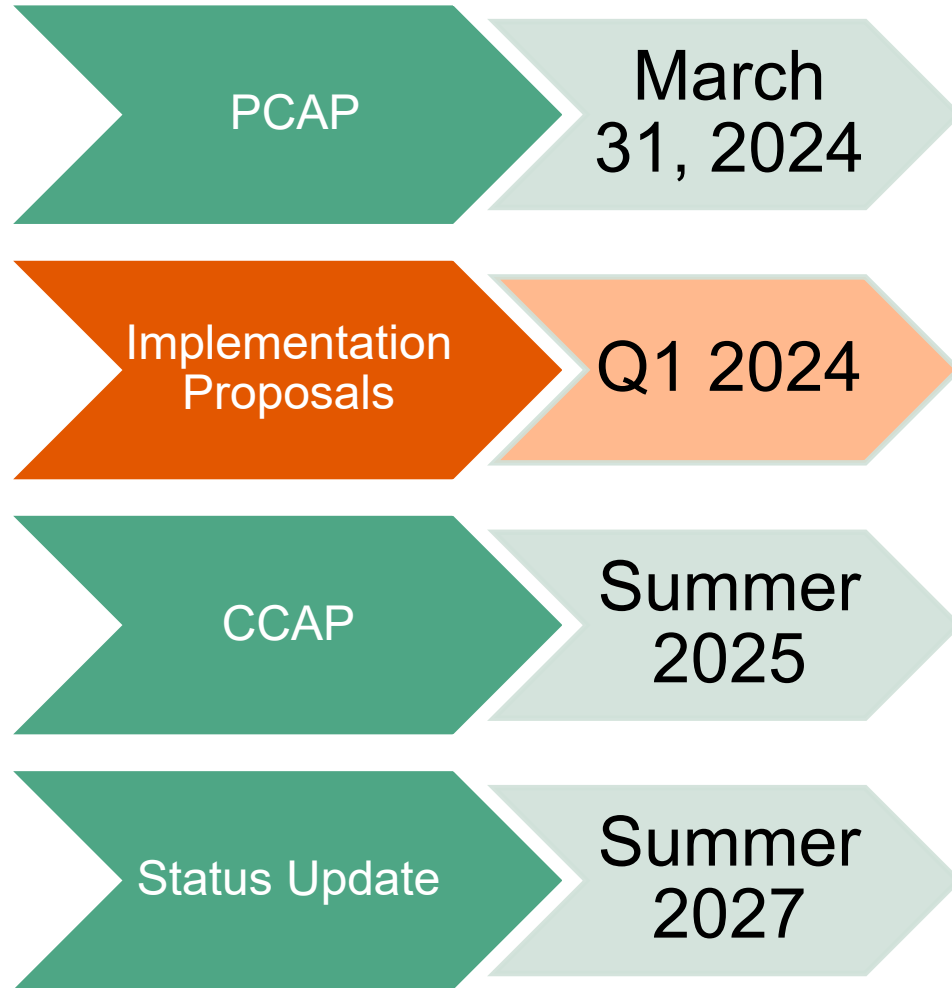


BMC Work Plan

- Participants
 - BMC is Lead Entity
 - 7 Members + Annapolis and MDE
- Deliverables
 - Priority Climate Action Plan
 - Comprehensive Climate Action Plan
 - Status Report
- Timing
 - 4 Year Grant
 - Status report finished in year 4, to allow for application for Implementation Grants



Timeline and Activities



Greenhouse Gas Inventory

Stationary Energy (Buildings or Structures that use Energy)

Transportation (All Forms)

Waste (Solid, Biological, Incineration, Wastewater)

Industrial Processes & Product Use

Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use (Livestock & Other Emission Sources on land)

Other Emissions

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

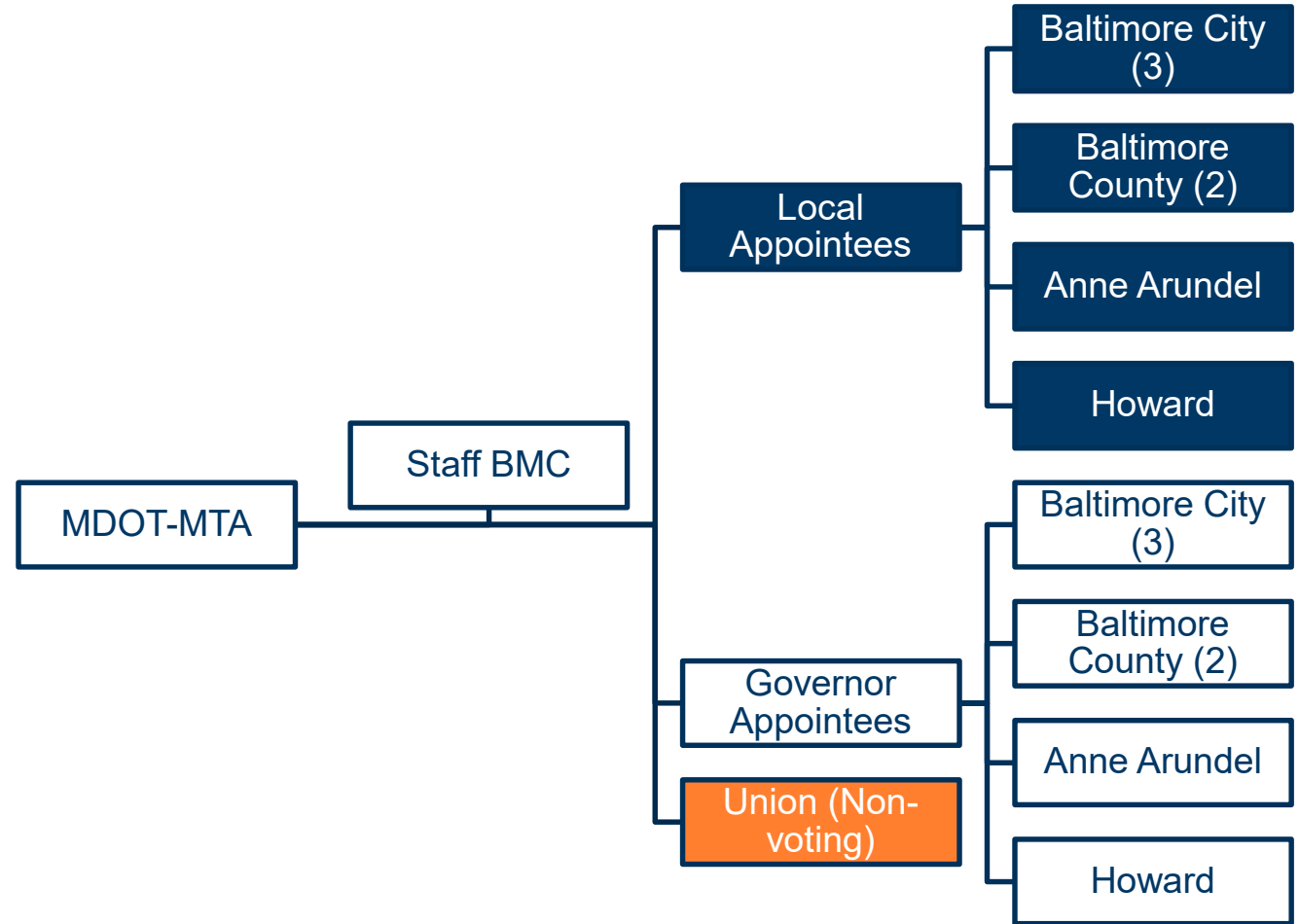
- Programmed dues increase of 2% (indexed to our federal grant)
- Operating and expense increase of \$1.34M. Driven by federal funds and largely covers consultant projects for the BRTB.
- New FEMA Regional Cooperative Emergency Planning Grant (evacuation planning)
- Chairs Initiative held at \$50,000. Specific project TBD
- Other changes based on past performance and specific needs for FY24.
- FY23 F&I Rate is \$1.08. Similar rate expected in FY24.
- Income is predicted to be near flat.
- Reserves and cash balance are healthy

Baltimore Regional Transit Commission

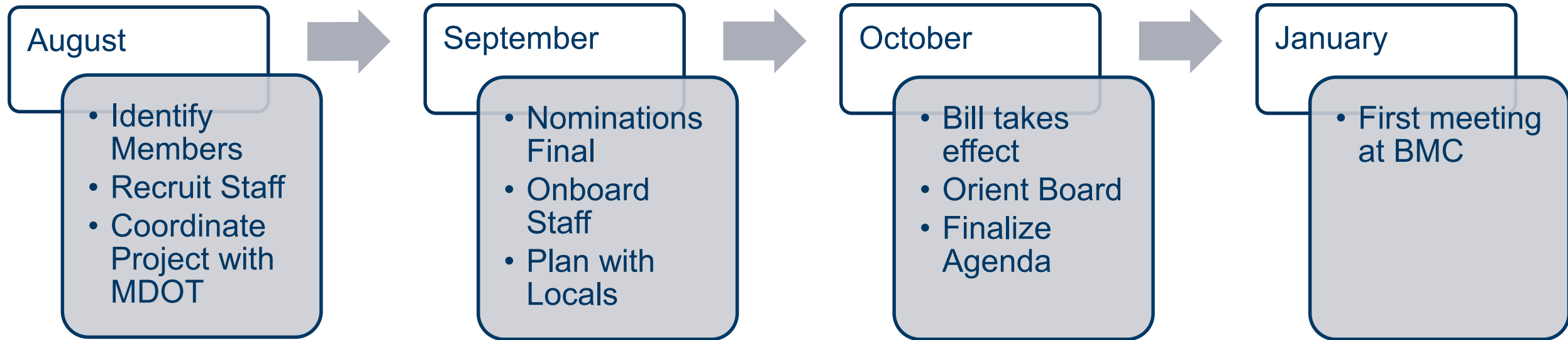
Commission Structure & Duties

- Review & Comment On
 - Capital Needs Inventory
 - CTP Priorities and MTA Budget Request
 - Major service changes and quarterly service reports
 - Local transit service plans (LOTS programs)

- Approve
 - Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan



BRTC Planning Updates & Appointees



BRTC Draft Agenda

Performance Improvement Report

- On time performance by mode & route, ridership by mode

Staffing Report

- Hiring, retention, absenteeism

Service Planning/Route Adjustments

- As needed – to reflect the timeline of the collective bargaining agreement

Transit Asset Management

- Capital needs inventory

Major Projects Update

- Redline, etc...

CTP/Capital Budget and Operating Budget

- As required by law, 2x per year

LOTS/OLTS Update

- As needed

Administrator Report

Report to the General Assembly

- Developed annually

Labor Union Report

Public Participation

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CHESAPEAKE CONNECT 2024

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TWIN CITIES



**CHESAPEAKE
CONNECT 2023**
A PROGRAM OF THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

OCTOBER 10-12

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Transit Oriented Development



Transit Oriented Development



District Energy – St. Paul

COVER STORY

Building community energy in St. Paul

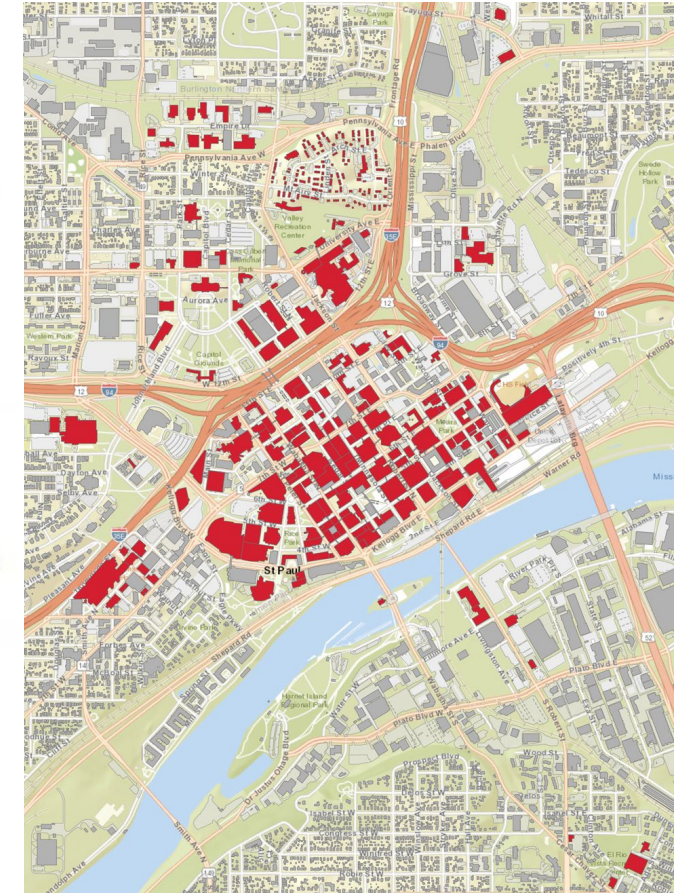
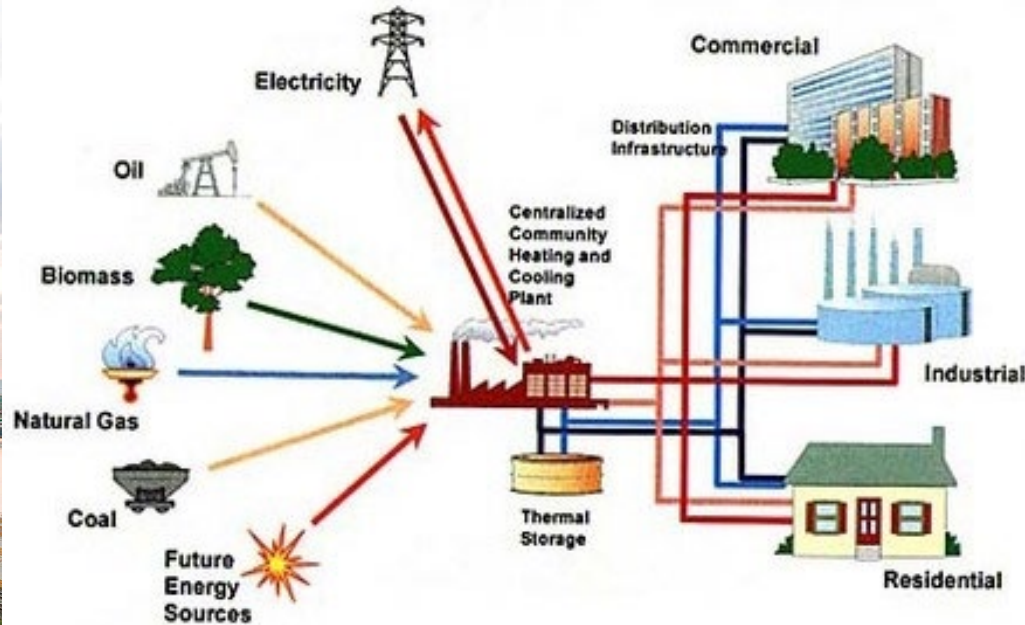
Focused on innovation and partnerships, this historic downtown system has become an industry role model.

Nina Axelson, Vice President – Public Relations, District Energy St. Paul



At the District Energy St. Paul location along the Mississippi River in downtown St. Paul, a significant amount of activity takes place on a very small parcel. This central facility integrates biomass-fired combined heat and power, thermal storage, and the primary heating and cooling production for this system.

Community Energy Diagram



Reconnect Rondo



BMC/BRTB Projects

Upcoming BRTB Studies

PROJECT 24T02

**Post-pandemic Trends in Employment,
Commercial Real Estate, Housing Location Choice,
and Travel Demand**

ISSUE DATE

July 6, 2023

DUE DATE

August 24, 2023 (2:00 P.M.)

PROJECT 23T07

**EVALUATION OF FARES, FEES AND
FINES FOR UNDUE BURDENS**

ISSUE DATE

July 6, 2023

DUE DATE

August 17, 2023 (2:00 PM)

ATTACHMENT 3



TECH HUBS PROGRAM LAUNCH FACT SHEET

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACROSS AMERICA



“Today represents a more secure economy, jobs, and a stronger future for our nation. America is delivering.”

PRESIDENT JOSEPH R. BIDEN
ON THE PASSAGE OF
THE CHIPS AND SCIENCE ACT

As part of President Biden’s Investing in America Agenda, the Economic Development Administration (EDA) is launching a transformational new program that will continue the Biden-Harris Administration’s work to strengthen U.S. supply chains, create good-paying jobs, and expand economic opportunity across America. The Regional Technology and Innovation Hub (Tech Hubs) Program will strengthen U.S. national and economic security by developing clusters of businesses, communities, colleges and universities, and workers focused on accelerating innovation and technology deployment throughout the country.

This new Program follows EDA’s successful implementation of the [Build Back Better Regional Challenge](#) and the [Good Jobs Challenge](#), and will continue EDA’s work to invest in American workers and place-based economic development.

Through these programs and investments, we’re making sure the supply chain for America begins in America. We’re bringing manufacturing and innovation back, creating good-paying jobs—many that don’t require a four-year degree—and revitalizing communities and small businesses so that no community is left out or left behind.

The Tech Hubs Program was authorized as part of the bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act, one of the critical drivers of President Biden’s work to invest in American manufacturing. In December 2022, President Biden signed the FY 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act into law, funding \$500 million for the Tech Hubs Program.



*Scan to learn
more about the
Tech Hubs
Program!*

UNDERSTANDING THE PROGRAM

The Tech Hubs Program seeks to strengthen U.S. economic and national security by ensuring the industries of the future—and their good jobs—start, grow, and remain in the United States. The Tech Hubs Program will make place-based investments in regions with the assets, resources, capacity, and potential to become globally competitive, within a reasonable period of time, in critical technologies and industries. EDA will run this competition with a focus on geographic diversity and equity.

Successful proposals will demonstrate a region’s capabilities in, and focus on, its primary technological strength, and its potential for Tech Hubs investments to enable the region to become the global leader in that critical technology area within a decade.

LEARN MORE AT EDA.GOV

HOW WILL APPLICANTS ENGAGE UNDERSERVED AND UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES AND POPULATIONS?

EDA's suite of programs serves the whole spectrum of U.S. economies and enables growth through both targeted, point-in-time investments that unlock immediate opportunities and strategic, long-term investments that seek to create self-sustaining regional growth.

The Tech Hubs Program aims to increase the diversity of the U.S. innovation economy. Economic research clearly shows increasing the diversity of inventors, students, researchers, funders, and founders increases the pace of innovation, which in turn supports good jobs, stronger supply chains, and new technologies, like clean technology. Throughout both phases of the Program, successful applicants will pursue specific, impactful diversity and inclusion strategies that accelerate innovation and growth and that increase the equity, accessibility, and diversity of the innovation economy, including through accessible, good jobs. EDA will also include a focus on geographic diversity, throughout the continuum of rural and urban areas.

Scan to learn more about the Tech Hubs Program!



HOW WILL FUNDING BE ALLOCATED?

The Program provides for two funding opportunities. The first phase of awards will designate promising Tech Hubs across America and provide strategy development awards to accelerate their development—applicants choose to apply for one or both of designation and a strategy development award. A second phase will provide significant strategy implementation awards to help Tech Hubs reach their full potential.

PHASE 1: Designating Tech Hubs

EDA expects to designate at least 20 Tech Hubs across the country and make a commensurate amount of strategy development awards utilizing approximately \$15 million of the \$500 million available. The Tech Hubs designation will be a widely-recognized indicator of a region's potential for rapid economic growth. The designated Tech Hubs will be invited to apply for Phase 2.

PHASE 2: Supporting Implementation

EDA expects to make at least 5 implementation awards with the remaining available funding to designated Tech Hubs. Contingent on future funding levels, EDA aims to invest in more Hubs to expand the Program's portfolio of technologies and places and may make follow-on investments in successful Hubs with opportunities for additional impact.

WHEN WILL YOU BE ABLE TO APPLY?

PHASE 1:

Early May 2023 with a 3-month application window

PHASE 2:

Announcement of designations and Phase 2 application window open by the end of Fall 2023

While EDA will consider a variety of factors, generally, successful applicants in Phase 1 will demonstrate they have resources, capability, coordination, and vision to become a Tech Hub grounded in their selected core technology area within the ten key technology focus areas set out in the Tech Hubs statute. Given the Program's goals, applicants in Phase 1 will primarily be measured on their articulation of the alignment of the region's existing assets, potential, and overall strategy with its opportunity to become the global leader in its technology area.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

For the Tech Hubs Program, only consortia are eligible, and each consortium has certain required and optional entity types.

EDA defines a Hub's geography as a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) or a similar area (including Micropolitan Statistical Areas (μSAs) or tightly interconnected combinations of MSAs and/or μSAs) with a concentration of assets, capital, R&D, labor market, and infrastructure strongly relevant to the Hub's selected core technology area, the Hub's identified market opportunity, and its potential to become globally competitive in that area within a decade. Applicants should identify their chosen geography as part of their application. Consortia may include assets or members outside the chosen geography—e.g., in nonmetro rural areas or partnerships with geographically distant but tightly mission-aligned organizations—that support the consortia's strategy and benefit the Hub.

For More Information

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