



**BMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 12, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Honorable Bernard C. "Jack" Young, Baltimore City Ex-Officio Mayor  
Chair, Baltimore Metropolitan Council  
Honorable Johnny Olszewski, Baltimore County Executive  
Vice Chair, Baltimore Metropolitan Council  
Honorable James T. Moran, Queen Anne County Commissioner  
Honorable William C. Ferguson, Maryland State Senator, Baltimore City, District 46  
Honorable Stephen Lafferty, Maryland State Delegate, Baltimore County, District 42A  
Honorable Stephen Wantz, Carroll County Commissioner  
Honorable Steuart Pittman, Anne Arundel County Executive  
Tom Sadowski, Gubernatorial Appointee, Vice Chancellor for Economic Development, University System of Maryland

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Honorable Barry Glassman, Harford County Executive  
Honorable Calvin Ball, Howard County Executive

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ben Birge, Chief Administrative Officer, Anne Arundel County  
Sameer Sidh, Chief of Staff, Howard County Government

**KEY BMC STAFF PRESENT**

Michael B. Kelly, Executive Director  
Brian Shepter, Director of External Relations  
Todd Lang, Director of Transportation  
Regina Aris, Assistant Director of Transportation  
Tamiko Knight, Office Manager/ HR Generalist



BMC Chair, Honorable Ex-Officio Mayor Jack Young called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Approval of the January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

A request for a motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Ex-Officio Mayor Jack Young. Commissioner Moran motioned to approve and Senator Ferguson seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the minutes from the January 19, 2019 meeting.

### **2. Approval of Resolution #2019-1**

BMC recently drafted a resolution to formally update its principal residence with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation. A request for a motion to approve the resolution was made by Ex-Officio Mayor Jack Young. Commissioner Moran motioned to approve and Senator Ferguson seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved resolution #2019-1.

### **3. Approval of Resolution #2019-2**

Resolution #2019-2 proposes and requests approval of BMC's FY2020 operating budget. BMC's Executive Director, Mr. Mike Kelly, informed the board of the slight increase in operating revenues and expenses in the FY2020 budget. The revenue increase is due to new grants from the Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO) and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). The operating expense increase is due to the new positions created as a result of the grants, staff salary COLA increases, and a two percent increase in members dues.

A request for a motion to approve BMC's FY2020 budget was made by Ex-Officio Mayor Young. Mr. Sadowski motioned to approve and Commissioner Moran seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved resolution #2019-2.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Overview of Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan Development Process**

Maryland Transit Administrator, Kevin Quinn, presented an overview of MTA's process for development of the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan.

### **Legislative Overview**

The legislation requires a 25 year regional transit plan that includes Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford County and Howard County.

The plan is required to define the goals to be achieved through the provision of public transit.



It should identify options for:

- Improvements to existing transportation assets
- Leveraging non-administration transportation options available to public transportation
- Corridors for new public transportation assets

The plan is required to prioritize corridors for planning of new public transportation assets and ensure consistency with local land use and transportation plans.

The MTA is required to develop the plan in consultation with the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan Commission and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council.

Mr. Quinn discussed the make up of the CMRT Commission and discussed its roles & responsibilities, which are:

- Participate in developing the Plan's goals
- Participate in developing a public involvement strategy
- Provide a regional view
- Focus on economic development
- Foster multi-jurisdictional buy-in
- Convene every two to three months

The commission's progress to date:

- Catalogued statewide, regional, and local comprehensive and transportation plans
- Organized resources by assembling a project team, collected baseline data and began analysis
- Initialized public outreach through surveys and pop-up events
- Identified themes including: new mobility, access, corridors of opportunity, service quality, customer experience, and funding

Mr. Quinn shared the plan development schedule which commenced in March 2019 and anticipates a publish date of September 2020.

To keep the public engaged and informed a variety of tools have been developed that included a project website, online goals and priorities surveys, pop-up events and open house meetings.

### **BMC Emergency Management Partnership**

David McMillan, Director of the Mayor's Office for Emergency Management presented an update a BMC's partnership with the Baltimore Urban Area Security Initiative (BUASI). BMC was recently awarded a grant from the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to fund a new position. The new position will be responsible for coordinating activities of the BUASI and its member jurisdictions.

### **2019 Transportation Program**



Todd Lang, BMC's Director of Transportation, briefed the board on the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) transportation planning efforts in CY2019. Mr. Lang discussed the governance, structure, committees and many work activities of the BRTB. Particular attention was given to the Maximize2045 Long Range Plan, as this is the largest project of the BRTB. Mr. Lang discussed the federal regulations regarding the region's long plan and the process in which major transportation projects could get included in the plan. Mr. Sadowski inquired about data with regard to commuting pattern studies. Mr. Kelly promised to provide the requested data.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **Chesapeake Connect 2018 Recap**

Mike Kelly provided a recap of BMC's second Chesapeake Connect delegation trip to New Orleans. He explained the trip's purpose, which is to provide the Baltimore region's top thought leaders the opportunity to travel to a peer region to meet with others to learn about new, innovative and different approaches to similar policy challenges faced in the Baltimore region. A group of 60 individuals traveled to New Orleans and engaged in dialogue with the city's leaders on public education reform, cultural economy and police reform.

The survey responses were overwhelmingly positive and BMC plans to continue with this new initiative. Commissioner Moran commended Mr. Kelly for the success of the trip.

#### **BMC Office Redesign/Construction**

Mr. Kelly informed the board of BMC's new office space lease with a 15 year term; a requirement of BMC's newly acquired capital grant from the state of Maryland. BMC plans to upgrade staff furniture and redesign the conference room/meeting spaces to better accommodate its regional stakeholders. A full budget and test fit will be provided at the next meeting.

#### **BMC Website Redesign**

Mr. Kelly informed the board of the hacking of BMC's website, which totally disabled the site. BMC has since hired a consultant to redesign the site. The focus has been to modernize the aesthetic, enhance user experience and improve security. The site will launch in February 2019.

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Mayor Pugh thanked all board members for their attendance and commended all presenters. There were no further remarks.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, Mayor Pugh, entertained the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:56 A.M.



Respectfully submitted,

Michael B. Kelly  
Executive Director  
Baltimore Metropolitan Council