

BALTIMORE REGIONAL SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, December 16, 2021
10:00 to 10:50 A.M.
Virtual meeting

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Cynthia Burch, Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC), called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2021 MINUTES

Ms. Burch, BMC, asked for any comments or changes to the minutes from the September 23, 2021 Baltimore Regional Safety Subcommittee meeting. Receiving none, the minutes were accepted into the record.

3. STATE SAFETY UPDATES

Ms. Anna Levendusky, Communications Manager for the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Motor Vehicle Administration's (MVA) Highway Safety Office (MHSO), shared information about media campaigns for *What To Do In A Roadside Emergency* and *Move Over*. She noted that all materials are available on the zerodeathsmd.gov website and year-to-date crash fatality data have recently been added to the website; those figures will be updated monthly.

[PowerPoint: MHSO Campaigns]

Ms. Myra Wieman, Deputy Director of MHSO, introduced the new Pedestrian/Bicycle Program Manager at MHSO, Ms. Cynthia Spriggs. Ms. Spriggs shared some information about her traffic safety experience as a Baltimore County Police Officer and her contact information is cspriggs@mdot.state.md.us.

Dr. Jay Zheng, MDOT State Highway Administration, provided an update of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) local funding. He noted that Baltimore County was awarded a grant in the first round and information about the next round of funding will be available early in 2022. If you have any questions, please contact: HSIPLocal@MDOT.Maryland.gov.

4. LOOK ALIVE

Mr. Bala Akundi, BMC, provided an update on the Look Alive campaign by sharing the most recent annual report. The information included enforcement activations, media statistics, and outreach efforts. He noted that the previous consultant contract had ended and a Request for Proposals is currently available. He anticipates having a consultant in place and kicking off the FY 2022 campaign in early 2022.

[PDF: BMC FY 2021 Annual Report]

5. REGIONAL CRASH TREND UPDATES

Ms. Burch provided an update on recently released 2020 crash data and shared a preview of the regional safety performance targets. In 2020, traffic crashes, injuries, and serious injuries decreased while fatalities increased across the region and state. Ms. Burch shared the anticipated targets for 2018-2022 average and goal for 2040; those figures will be shared at the January meetings of the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board and Technical Committee with a Resolution. She also shared the website with year-to-date fatality counts (<https://zerodeathsmd.gov/resources/crashdata/>) mentioned earlier by Ms. Levendusky, MHSO.

[PowerPoint: Safety Update]

6. LOCAL STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANS (SHSP)

Ms. Burch shared an update of the Local SHSPs in the region:

- Anne Arundel County's Vision Zero plan is complete and will go for public comment on January 1, 2022
- Baltimore City has released the Complete Streets Policy and is updating the Vision Zero plan
- Baltimore County continues to implement its SHSP
- Carroll County has finished the Strategic Traffic Safety Plan (STSP) and is planning to present it to the County Commissioners
- Harford County approved the SHSP and members of the Traffic Safety Advisory Board are working on an action plan
- Howard County is implementing a Strategic Road Safety Plan (SRSP) as the police department and transportation offices work together on crash data analyses
- Plans are being made to reconvene the Queen Anne's County SHSP team in January 2022.

7. OTHER/NEW BUSINES

No other discussion was had and Ms. Burch adjourned the meeting at 11:50 A.M.

Next Meeting – February 24, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Attendance:

Daniel Allen – Baltimore County Dept. of Public Works and Transportation (BCo DPWT)
Kim Auman – National Study Center for Trauma & EMS
Jennifer Biddle – Howard County Department of Public Works
Summer Bowman – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
Michael Farrell – National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB)
Matthew Hendrickson – Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BCDOT)
Debbie Jennings – Chesapeake Region Safety Council
Bari Klein – Healthy Harford/Healthy Cecil
Anna Levendusky – MDOT Motor Vehicle Admin (MVA) Highway Safety Office (MHSO)
Tom Morehouse – Baltimore County Police Department
Doug Mowbray - MHSO
Janie Nham - TPB
Sean Norman – Maryland State Police
Shayna Rose - BCDOT
Christina Utz - MHSO
Nicole Waldheim – Burgess & Niple
Mark Wall - MHSO
Myra Wieman – MHSO
Tina Williams – MHSO
Graham Young – BCDOT
Jay Zheng – MDOT State Highway Administration

Staff:

Bala Akundi – Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)
Cindy Burch – BMC