

BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD

December 17, 2019
Baltimore Metropolitan Council
9:04 to 10:00 A.M.

MINUTES

The 314th meeting was called to order at 9:04 A.M. by the Chair, Ms. Mary Lane.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A request for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2019 BRTB meeting was made by Ms. Lane. A motion was made by Mr. Gary Blazinsky to approve the minutes and seconded by Mr. Alex Rawls. The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITY

No one present wished to address the BRTB.

3. REPORT ON PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Regina Aris indicated that there were no activities to report.

4. REPORT FROM THE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Eric Norton reported the following from the December PAC meeting:

- The PAC will be submitting suggestions for consideration in the development of the UPWP.
- The annual search for new PAC members has been postponed to late summer – this will carry current members through a number of tasks. Then the members will follow a fiscal year and not calendar year process.
- Members are encouraged by the consultant activity looking at evaluating public involvement activities on behalf of the BRTB as well as BRTB/TC members attending the PAC meetings.

5. REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Mr. David Cookson reported the following from the December TC meeting:

- BMC staff gave a refresher on the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Service Transportation Plan, which is updated every five years and is geared towards the elderly and people with disabilities. Members discussed some edits with the overall plan being recommended for BRTB consideration.
- In recognition of an upcoming resolution, BMC staff presented recent crash data trends in the region and discussed updating the Transportation Performance Measures for Safety (TPM1).
- MDOT presented information on efforts to plan for emerging technologies in terms of state and local partnerships. This includes work conducted by the Connected and Automated Vehicles (CAV) Working Group. Most of the presentation described MDOT's efforts to plan for and incorporate electric vehicles (EVs) into the state's transportation system.

6. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #20-9

Mr. Todd Lang introduced Resolution #20-9 in support of the Baltimore Area Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan. Ms. Aris began with a refresher on this Plan, which is updated every five years and is geared towards the elderly and people with disabilities. The Plan serves as guidance for making project selections under the FTA Section 5310 Program. In August, MDOT MTA's consultant held a one-day workshop for the Baltimore region to get input on gaps in existing transportation services and then strategies to overcome the gaps. Subsequently a draft Plan was provided to the individuals who attended the workshop for comment.

The presentation highlighted the updated demographics as well as several new strategies that were proposed. Staff recommended two minor changes to two of the strategies.

Ms. Lane asked for a motion from the members. Ms. Valorie LaCour made a motion to approve Resolution #20-9 and Mr. Ramond Robinson seconded the motion with unanimous support from the members.

[PowerPoint: Updating the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan]

7. PRESENTATION: MDOT STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION SAFETY TARGETS

Ms. Toria Lassiter provided an overview of the Transportation Performance Management (TPM) for Safety. She outlined the five safety performance measures (fatalities, serious injuries, fatality rate per vehicle miles traveled (VMT), serious injury rate per VMT, and non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries) and the state's methodology for calculating targets. That methodology continues to follow the *Toward Zero Deaths* approach to reduce each metric by 50% from 2008 to 2030. Ms. Lassiter shared the 2020 state targets that were submitted in

the Highway Safety Improvement Program report on August 31, 2019. She then explained the FAST Act requirement that each MPO report safety targets within 180 days to MDOT and include the targets in the Long-Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Lassiter concluded by providing an overview of recent statewide crash trends and resources at MDOT focused on safety. Links to additional state and federal information and her contact information was also shared.

Some discussion occurred about competitive safety grants through the MDOT MVA Highway Safety Office and MDOT SHA. A question was also posed about the definition of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries, specifically if scooters were included in that group. Further information about how scooter incidents are captured in the crash data will be pursued.

[PowerPoint: TPM1: Establishing Highway Safety / Improvement Program Safety / Targets]

8. PRESENTATION: JOINT BRTB SIGNAL FORUM & ITS MD

Mr. Bala Akundi provided an update on the Regional Traffic Signal Forum/ITSMD Annual Meeting held on October 16th at the Maritime Institute. He reminded members that the traffic signal subcommittee of the BRTB is a forum of the region's traffic signal engineers, managers, and technicians to discuss issues of common concern and to identify and undertake projects that improve the operation and coordination of the region's traffic signals. Since 2004, the signal subcommittee has been organizing regional forums to bring stakeholders together to learn about advances in technology and to foster regional and broader cooperation and coordination. This year marks the 10th such forum.

ITS Maryland is a State Chapter of ITS America, the organization is comprised of public agencies, private companies and academic institutions. Together with the U.S. Department of Transportation, they are supporting and promoting the coordinated development and deployment of technologies that will make our transportation systems safer, more effective, and more efficient while providing improved service to the customers and users of the systems.

For the past 10 years, ITSMD and the Traffic Signal Subcommittee held joint events to attract more and wider range of attendees. This partnership, which happens every other year, has resulted in significant interest in attendees from the public and private sectors, with almost 300 registered attendees in 2019. Two sets of concurrent sessions on ITS and signal topics are held – program details were handed out to attendees – and attached to these minutes (if you need them).

The morning welcome address was done via video by MDOT MVA Administrator Ms. Chrissy Nizer who heads the statewide working group on connected and autonomous vehicles (CAV). The morning keynote address was delivered by Mr. Neil Pedersen, TRB Executive Director on issues regarding the introduction of connected and automated vehicles.

The next regional signal forum will be in 2021.

[PowerPoint: 2019 ITSMD/BRTB Annual Meeting Highlights, Handout: 2019 Annual Program with Listing of Presentations]

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Todd Lang reminded the BRTB members of the upcoming BRTR/Technical Committee Retreat on January 10, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Members

Kwame Arhin, FHWA- MD Division
Gary Blazinsky, Harford County Transit
Steve Cohoon, Queen Anne's County Department of Public Works
Heather Murphy, Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Angelica Daniel (for Greg Carski), Baltimore County Department of Public Works
Bruce Gartner, Howard County Office of Transportation
Valorie LaCour, (for Steve Sharkey) - Baltimore City Department of Transportation
Mary Lane (for Lynda Eisenberg), Carroll County Department of Planning
Sally Nash, City of Annapolis, Department of Planning
Oluseyi Olugbenle (for Kate Sylvester), MDOT Maryland Transit Administration
Alex Rawls, Harford County, Department of Planning
Ramond Robinson, Anne Arundel County, Department of Planning & Zoning
Bihui Xu, Maryland Department of Planning

Staff and Guests

Bala Akundi, Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)
Regina Aris, BMC
Robert Berger, BMC
Cindy Burch, BMC
Tyson Byrne, MDOT
David Cookson, Technical Committee Chair
Rebecca Deibel, BMC
Blake Fisher, BMC
Terry Freeland, BMC
Don Halligan, BMC
Dan Janousek, MDOT
Mara Kaminowitz, BMC
Todd Lang, BMC
Toria Lassiter, MDOT SHA

Eric Norton, PAC Chair
Pete Regan, MDOT SHA
Eileen Singleton, BMC

Respectfully submitted,

Todd R. Lang, Secretary
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board