

CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS (CMP) COMMITTEE

February 7, 2023
10:16 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Eileen Singleton opened the meeting; attendees introduced themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 1, 2022 MEETING

There were no comments on the minutes.

3. MEETING OBJECTIVE

The objectives of the meeting are:

- Provide ideas for further investigation on regional congestion trends
- Provide input to finalize regional text for local priority letters

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4. PRESENTATION OF REGIONAL SYSTEM PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD

Ms. Singleton showed the recently completed system performance dashboard (https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/charles.baber/viz/SystemPerformance_20221221/AnnualSpeeds). The dashboard has two tabs that show data related to annual bottlenecks and annual speeds. Any comments or questions can be sent to her. A note about the dashboard, the image being viewed can be downloaded if desired by selecting the “download” icon in the top right.

5. OVERVIEW OF UPDATES TO REGIONAL ONLINE CMP TOOL

Ms. Singleton provided updates to the data on the online CMP tool (<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=4d20765080344347adee174c51fe7c19&extent=-8612298.4332%2C4687633.1609%2C-8441538.112%2C4808556.5397%2C102100>).

Congestion data for 2021 has been added to the tool as well as 2022 priority letter projects. Layers with older data are still available.

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6. STATUS OF REGIONAL CONGESTION

Mr. Ed Stylc presented an overview of pre- and post-pandemic traffic conditions. He found that traffic volumes are down an average of 5% from 2019, and the average regional commute time in 2021 is now less than before the pandemic (31.5 minutes in 2019 versus 27.3 minutes in 2021).

He also found that vehicle hours of delay on the Baltimore beltway in 2022 was 56% of the delay in 2019 and vehicles hours of delay on all limited access roads in the region are 62% of the delay in 2019.

Mr. Stylc also provided a breakdown by jurisdiction of hours of delay; all jurisdictions show significant reductions in delay in 2022. Mr. Stylc will investigate further to learn more about the reductions.

Committee members can contact Mr. Stylc (estylc@baltometro.org) with any questions or ideas for other analyses.

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7. PRIORITY LETTER DEVELOPMENT – PLANNING FOR 2023

Ms. Singleton reminded the group that there was a recommendation by the Regional Transit Governance and Funding Work Group for a regional component in the CTP process. Mr. Todd Lang added that the recommendation included a regional tour meeting for each MPO. There are no details about the process at this time and the next step is for action from the General Assembly. Without guidance on a regional process, it is suggested that we continue to pursue regional text in local priority letters as we did last year.

Last year, most of the local priority letters included some or all of the regional text, and there was positive response to including the regional text. Ms. Singleton sent updated regional text to the committee members prior to the meeting. The draft for this year includes a bit more detail on the TSMO System 1 and System 2 since work has begun on those projects.

Queen Anne's County plans to use the regional text again this year and found it useful. Staff is working on the priority letter now.

Howard County plans to use the regional text again this year also, as well as try to include some bi-jurisdictional language with Montgomery County to support projects on US 29 into Howard County.

Carroll County has a new Board of Commissioners so staff are not yet sure how the regional text will be used.

Anne Arundel County is working on the draft priority letter.

Harford County also has a new administration and will be educating them about the CTP process. The preamble to their priority letter last year included some of the regional text.

Annapolis sends their projects to include in the Anne Arundel County priority letter.

MDOT is supportive of the regional text approach, and staff is available if there are any questions. It is helpful to MDOT for the local letters to include support for Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO) projects and to MDOT MTA to see support for transit corridors.

Mr. Mohammed Raqib said that work has progressed on TSMO System 1 and System 2. He also noted that it is helpful to include the TSMO systems in the priority letters because this helps show support for projects that are easier to implement, such as traffic signal retiming and traffic signal reconstruction along parallel routes to interstates, within the TSMO System corridors. Mr. Raqib noted that he has recently issued a notice to proceed on a project to retime signals in six separate traffic signal systems within TSMO System 1 (along I-70/US 40/MD 99). The project will create predefined timing plans that could quickly be used if there is an incident on I-70. Work on this task is in the initial stages. MDOT SHA is also looking to initiate larger TSMO projects, like traffic speed harmonization or hard shoulder running; projects like these will take longer to put in place. He added that the discussions taking place in the CMP Committee are helping show support for the TSMO System corridors in the region.

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8. OTHER BUSINESS

The CMP Committee chair position is open.

Next Meetings – June 6, November 7

ATTENDEES

Members

Steve Cohoon – Queen Anne’s County Department of Public Works

David Cookson – Howard County Office of Transportation

Angelica Daniel – Baltimore County Department of Public Works & Transportation

Kwaku Duah – Annapolis Department of Transportation

Joel Gallihue – Harford County Department of Planning

Sarah Gary – MDOT State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA)

Tavon Hawkins – MDOT SHA

Dan Janousek – Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)

Mary Lane – Carroll County Department of Planning

Patrick McMahon – Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA)

Lisa Minnick – MDOT SHA

Mohammed Raqib – MDOT SHA
Brian Ulrich – Anne Arundel County Office of Transportation (OOT)

Staff

Bala Akundi – Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)
Regina Aris – BMC
Charles Baber – BMC
Monica Haines Benkhedda – BMC
Don Halligan – BMC
Victor Henry – BMC
Zach Kaufman – BMC
Shawn Kimberly – BMC
Keith Kucharek – BMC
Todd Lang – BMC
Sheila Mahoney – BMC
Anna Marshall – BMC
Eileen Singleton – BMC
Ed Stylc – BMC