

INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP

April 6, 2016

Baltimore Metropolitan Council

9:30 to 10:20 A.M.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Ms. Sara Tomlinson (BMC).

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Tomlinson welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2016 MINUTES

The minutes of the February 3rd meeting were presented. Mr. Tony McClune (BRTB) made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Colleen Turner (MDOT) seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. CONFORMITY DETERMINATION OF THE FY 2017-2020 TIP

Ms. Tomlinson said that four lists of draft projects for the FY 2017-2020 TIP were distributed to ICG members. These lists contain project names, descriptions, TIP project year, and year of operations, along with a draft staff assessment of whether or not the project is exempt from conformity requirements.

The ICG agreed to the non-exempt/exempt status of all of the projects as listed on the handouts, with the exception of the Curtis Avenue project. This project is exempt from conformity requirements because it is not adding capacity.

BMC staff will check whether the MD32: Triadelphia Rd bridge will have additional lanes.

[Handouts: Draft List of Projects in the 2017-2020 TIP (Non-exempt MDOT Projects; Exempt MDOT Projects; Non-exempt Local Projects; Exempt Local Projects)]

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2016-2019 TIP

Mr. Zach Kaufman (BMC) presented information on one draft amendment to the Amended 2016-2019 TIP. This amendment is for the Carrs Mill Road Bridge #216 over Bear Cabin Branch project. The ICG agreed that the project is exempt from conformity requirements because it is a bridge replacement project that does not add lanes.

[Handouts: Proposed Amendment to the 2016-2019 TIP, May 2016]

5. OTHER BUSINESS

SIP Update

Ms. Alex Brun, MDE, shared the good news that the Baltimore region is attaining the 75 ppb standard for ozone. Further, the region is fully attaining the standard for carbon monoxide (having completed 20 years of maintaining the standard). Now MDE is working with the Governor's Office on a re-designation request for EPA on ozone and is now in the process of establishing a 10-year Maintenance SIP (the first of 2 10-year maintenance plans). The maintenance plan will show how the region will continue to meet the standard. MDE has begun modeling to establish the mobile budgets for the EPA submission. BMC is now reviewing to see how those numbers relate to transportation output. There will be 3 years of mobile budgets in the Maintenance Plan, they include: 2014, 2025, and 2030. The reason for the 2025 year being set where it is, it to try to align the interim year with travel demand horizon years. MDE plans to submit the SIP to EPA in early summer after working with ICG and the BRTB. There will be a 30-day review before going to EPA.

Following the presentation by MDE, there was some discussion about the timeline of the SIP budget development.

Ms. Tomlinson asked if any of the members had any other business to discuss. Hearing none, she asked for the meeting to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Colleen Turner - Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Brian Hug – Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) – by phone
Anthony McClune - Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB)

Staff and Guests

Regina Aris - Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)
Alex Brun – MDE – by phone
Tyson Byrne – MDOT
Zach Kaufman - BMC

Sara Tomlinson – BMC
Marcia Ways – MDE