

## PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 1, 2016  
Baltimore Metropolitan Council  
5:39 p.m. to 7:31 P.M.

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 P.M. by the Chair, Mr. Greg Shafer.

#### 1. APPROVAL OF MAY 2016 MINUTES

The PAC approved the [May 2016 meeting minutes](#).

#### 2. PRESENTATION: HIGHLIGHTS OF MARYLAND LEGISLATION RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Brian R. Shepter, Director of External Relations, for the Baltimore Metropolitan Council provided a summary of several transportation related bills from the 2016 Maryland General Assembly. Members discussed possible ways in which this could potentially impact the regional planning process. They thanked Mr. Shepter for the highlights and looked forward to continued discussions as policies and processes become updated in light of the legislative changes.

*[Presentation – [2016 Maryland General Assembly Transportation Legislative Recap](#)]*

#### 3. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS

Subcommittee Chairs presented the following subcommittee reports and action items:

- **Public Involvement** – Mr. Kevin Engler reported that the subcommittee met to discuss the public comments and survey responses submitted by the public for the [Federal Certification Review of the BRTB](#) and ideas for improving the public involvement process in response to these comments. A primary concern raised is that the public is not aware of the BRTB and what it does. Ideas for ways to address this include:
  - Develop a systematic approach for outreach to reach constituents around the region. For example, do a monthly media blitz of one jurisdiction in the region (reaching each jurisdiction twice per year) to let the public know who the BRTB is, how they can get involved, and to promote a public meeting (BRTB or state/local planning) in the jurisdiction.

- Have handouts about the BRTB at existing project meetings (for example, a SHA meeting on a project or an MTA meeting on a bus route change).
- Finalize the Transportation Planning Guide and distribute to members of the public.
- **Policy and Legislation** – Mr. Darin Hughes reported the subcommittee met to review an amendment to *Maximize2040: A Performance-Based Transportation Plan* for the Maryland State Highway Administration's (SHA) MD 32 Widening Project. Mr. Hughes presented PAC Resolution #2016-07 in support of this amendment. Mr. Eric Norton and Mr. Benjamin Gilardi declined to offer support for the project because it's outside of the PFA and will likely increase development in the area. Mr. Shafer offered support for the project in order to address safety and existing congestion. The PAC voted to approve PAC Resolution #2016-07 (with two nays by Mr. Norton and Mr. Gilardi and four abstentions by Mr. Engler, Mr. David Fitzpatrick (by proxy), Ms. Beth Wiseman (by proxy) and Mr. Michael Bishop).

**[PAC Resolution #2016 – 07: Maximize2040 Amendment for MD 32 Widening Project]**

- Mr. Hughes also reported that the Policy subcommittee members will lead a review of the [2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#). Items they'll be reviewing include: 1) if the TIP is meeting the goals of *Maximize2040*, 2) if the investment mix is equitable, and 3) the best use of funds in order to meet the regional goals. Members are asked to add comments on the TIP to a shared Google document by June 30.

**4. REPORT ON RECENT AND UPCOMING BRTB MEETINGS**

Mr. Todd Lang reported that the BRTB met on May 25<sup>th</sup> and the empowered chair, Mr. Clive Graham appreciated the PACs comments on the need for a process for removing a project from a long-range transportation plan. Mr. Graham asked the PAC to look into making a suggestion on such a process. The BRTB also took action on Resolution #16-17 in support of funding in the TIP for the Carrs Mill Road Bridge project. Presentations were also made on FY 2016 and 2017 UPWP projects and [proposed improvements to the Howard Street Tunnel in Baltimore](#). Mr. Lang provided PAC members with a brief walk through the presentation. Minutes and a calendar of upcoming BRTB meetings/events are online at [baltometro.org](http://baltometro.org).

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members**

Terraine Arnold – Arunah Avenue Association  
Michael Bishop – Resident, Baltimore City  
Kevin Engler – Partners In Care  
Benjamin Gilardi – Resident, Baltimore City

*Proxy designated by: Michael Davis*

*Proxy designated by: David Fitzpatrick; Beth Wiseman*

Dylan Hayden – Resident, Baltimore County  
Mark Howard – Resident, Baltimore County  
Darin Hughes – Resident, Baltimore City  
Ijeoma Ihuoma – Resident, Baltimore City  
Angela Jones – Resident, Baltimore County  
Dick Ladd – Resident, Anne Arundel County  
Eric Norton – Central Maryland Transportation Alliance  
Rita Ossiander – Resident, Baltimore County  
Derrick Sexton – Resident, Baltimore City  
Gregory Shafer – Resident, Howard County

*Attended by phone*

***Staff and Guests***

Monica B. Haines Benkhedda – Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)  
Todd Lang – BMC  
Brian Shepter – BMC

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING  
AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
BALTIMORE REGION FY 2016-2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)  
BY THE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)  
OF THE BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD (BRTB)**

**WHEREAS**, the BRTB, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region responsible for transportation planning and policy making for the Baltimore region; and

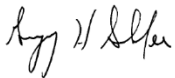
**WHEREAS**, the PAC serves as an advisory body to the BRTB, charged with providing independent, region oriented citizen advice to the BRTB on issues related to the development of the Baltimore Regional Transportation Plan (BRTP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and amendments that affect the region's conformity with federal air quality requirements, the public involvement process, regionally significant land use issues, and other regional transportation-related issues, as appropriate, promotes public awareness and participation in the regional transportation planning process and promotes equity in the regional transportation planning process; and

**WHEREAS**, the PAC has discussed the following FY 2016 – 2019 TIP Amendment:

- Carrs Mill Road Bridge #216 (TIP ID # 15-0701-13)

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the PAC supports these amendments as presented.

Submitted by;



Gregory H. Shafer  
Chairman, BRTB Public Advisory Committee