

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 2, 2018
Baltimore Metropolitan Council
5:40 to 7:08 P.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Paul Kowzan, Chair of the PAC Public Involvement Subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

1. PRESENTATION: HIGHLIGHTS OF MARYLAND LEGISLATION RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Brian Shepter, Director of External Relations for the BMC, provided a summary of key transportation-related legislative issues from the 2018 Maryland General Assembly. Though BMC and the BRTB were not actively engaged in lobbying on any of these issues this legislative session, staff track relevant legislative actions.

Specifically, Mr. Shepter provided highlights of the following issue areas: State Aid to Local Governments –Transportation; Maglev/Hyperloop; Congestion Relief/ Public Private Partnerships (P3s); Chesapeake Bay Bridge, Complete Streets; Highway User Revenues; Maryland Metro/Transit Funding; and Job Access and Reverse Commute Projects. Members were encouraged to visit mgaleg.maryland.gov for additional information about these bills.

[Presentation – [2018 Legislative Recap](#)]

2. MAXIMIZE2045 PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

Ms. Regina Aris provided members with an update on the process to develop *Maximize2045: A Performance-Based Transportation Plan*, including an update of the [project prioritization process and scoring methodology](#). This methodology needs to be in place before BMC can issue a call for projects for *Maximize2045*.

All projects submitted for inclusion in Maximize2045 will be scored for its policy and technical merits. Each submitting agency provides a policy score, depending on priority (high, medium, low) and demonstrated financial support from the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). In addition, BMC staff score each project for technical merit, based on consistency with regional goals and strategies, as well as whether a project addresses a problem and what level of benefit it provides (low, medium, high).

Examples of technical scoring criteria include looking at data such as: crash severity (injuries/fatalities); Complete Streets features; access to job/activity centers; effects on ecologically significant lands / historic properties, emissions and greenhouse gas reductions; new or improved transit stations/stops; Priority Funding Area (within, connecting), Sustainable Communities designation (within, connecting).

The combined score is a tool for the BRTB to use in determining priority projects to include in the fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan. As part of the process of updating the evaluation criteria, staff and the BRTB are looking at the evaluation process for the regional plan, as compared to the evaluation criteria MDOT uses to score candidate projects the jurisdictions submit for the state Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP).

[Presentation – [Maximize2045: Project Evaluation Criteria](#)]

3. SUBCOMMITTEES REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Monica Haines Benkhedda reported that staff worked with all of the PAC subcommittees this month to prepare for the Every Voice Counts Transportation Academy on Saturday, May 5 at Impact Hub in Baltimore. The event will bring together residents, community leaders, and non-traditionally engaged participants for a daylong workshop where they will learn, in plain language, about the transportation decision-making process and how to be better engaged in the decision-making process by knowing who to contact and when.

PAC members successfully assisted staff to recruit event sponsors, partners for the networking session and reached out to hundreds of potential participants. Ms. Haines Benkhedda thanked all of the members who assisted in raising \$2,700 for the event and registering over 50 participants for the inaugural event. She also thanked all of the PAC members who will also volunteer Saturday with event set up, clean up and facilitation.

4. DISCUSSION: BRTB PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Ms. Haines Benkhedda shared highlights of proposed changes to the [BRTB's Draft 2018 Public Participation Plan](#), open for a 45-day public review through May 24. The updated PPP includes updates to the "interested parties" list to meet current regulations, as well as a proposed policy change for amendments to TIP and Long-Range Transportation Plan. PAC members did not have any feedback on the draft PPP but agreed to review and provide feedback by the June PAC meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The PAC approved the [April 2018](#) minutes.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Aris shared highlights of the April 24 BRTB meeting. The May 22nd BRTB meeting will feature a presentation on a US 1 Safety Evaluation in Howard County in response to a significant increase in the number of pedestrian fatalities along US 1, as well as increasing residential and mixed-use

development in this historically commercial and industrial corridor. Anne Arundel county will discuss the formation and mission of the Anne Arundel Transportation Commission. BRTB minutes and a list of upcoming events are online at baltometro.org.

Members and staff made the following announcement:

- **Bike to Work Day** – Registration is now open for Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 18. Visit www.Bike2WorkCentralMD.com for events and registration.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Michael Bishop – Resident, Baltimore City
Chris Costello – Transportation Association of Maryland
Michael Davis – Resident, Carroll County
Janet Eveland – Resident, Baltimore City
Yvette Hicks – Resident, Baltimore County
Mark Howard – Resident, Baltimore County
Angela Jones – Resident, Baltimore County
Paul Kowzan III – Broadway Area Business Association
Dick Ladd – Resident, Anne Arundel County
Arthur Peterson – Resident, Baltimore City
Audrey Sellers – Accessible Resources for Independence, Inc.
Paul Verchinski – Howard County Citizens Association
Jennifer Weeks – Resident, Baltimore County
Daniel Yi – Resident, Howard County

Proxy Designated by: E. Norton

Staff and Guests

Regina Aris – Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)
Monica B. Haines Benkhedda – BMC