

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 1, 2019
Baltimore Metropolitan Council
5:35 to 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Eric Norton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

1. PRESENTATION: LOCAL STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANNING EFFORTS

Ms. Cindy Burch gave a brief overview of the Local Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) effort, including how it was developed by the MDOT MVA Highway Safety Office. All jurisdictions are encouraged to write a strategic plan focused on local safety and Ms. Burch will provide assistance to our member jurisdictions. Ms. Burch also participates in the State SHSP meetings as a means of bridging local and statewide efforts.

At this time, one county has a plan (Harford), two are approximately halfway through the process (Carroll and Howard), and preliminary meetings have occurred in the remaining four jurisdictions in the region. Ms. Burch reviewed the steering committee rosters from Carroll, Harford, and Howard Counties and displayed anticipated steps and timelines for the first year of this effort.

It is anticipated that public involvement meetings will occur in each jurisdiction once a draft plan is completed for review. When that occurs the PAC will be directly involved. There were several questions about incorporating target populations and concerns, such as pedestrians and freight, and she explained that all road users are considered. Crash data as well as subjective knowledge of each steering committee team member is considered in the process. A brief data summary of each jurisdiction was requested and is provided with these meeting minutes.

[Presentation: Local Strategic Highway Safety Planning Efforts]

2. MAXIMIZE2045 UPDATE

Ms. Monica Haines Benkhedda reported that staff are preparing for the release of the draft *Maximize2045: A Performance-Based Transportation Plan, 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and*, scheduled to be open for public comment from Thursday, May 9 through Tuesday, June 18.

Ms. Haines Benkhedda shared some of the English and Spanish language advertisements and asked for PAC support at the public meetings in May and June. She will email a sign-up sheet for members to volunteer to help with public meetings. She also asked members to distribute information via email and social media and encourage other members of the public to attend the seven public meetings or one virtual meeting.

[Handout: Flyer for Maximize2045 comment period]

3. PAC SUBCOMMITTEES & CURRENT ACTION ITEMS

The following subcommittee reports were given:

- **Policy** – Ms. Jennifer Weeks reported that the subcommittee met via conference call to discuss the list of projects submitted to the BRTB for consideration in *Maximize2045*. Subcommittee members began drafting comments, however the subcommittee is still deliberating and seeks comments from additional members. The subcommittee will hold a conference call on May 23 at noon to discuss further.
- **Transportation Equity** – There was no meeting of this subcommittee this month.
- **Public Involvement** – Mr. Paul Kowzan reported that the subcommittee held a happy hour meeting this month but no other subcommittee members showed up. He noted a need to regroup about Every Voice Counts in the fall.

Ms. Haines Benkhedda suggested that given the difficulty subcommittees are having finding times to meet and recent discussions about the role and mission of the PAC, perhaps the July meeting could be an opportunity for members to step back and discuss their mission, role in the planning process, how the group is structured, and brainstorm ways in which they can increase their effectiveness in providing feedback to the BRTB in the coming years. Members agreed this is a good idea and staff will work with the PAC chairs to plan this discussion.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The PAC approved the April 2019 minutes.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

The following announcements were made:

- The April meeting of the BRTB featured approval of the following resolutions: Resolution #19-18 to approve the FY 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget; Resolution #19-19 to set the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal for FY 2020; Resolution #19-20 the annual Title VI report; and Resolution #19-21 to endorse/not endorse applications for funding under the new Maryland Job Access and Reverse

Commute Program. A presentation on Baltimore City DOT's comprehensive transportation planning efforts was also given.

- BMC and the Baltimore Regional Fair Housing Group will host [What's on Tap: Piecing It Together - Framing Affordable Housing Messages](#) on Monday, May 6 at Diamondback Brewing Company.
- [Bike to Work Day](#) – BMC is excited to celebrate the 22nd annual Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 17, 2019. The celebration will feature hundreds of cyclists at over 45 events throughout the region. Registration is open.

Mr. Arjan van Andel suggested members also promote / participate in [Bike to School Day](#) on Wednesday, May 8.

- [Transportation Camp Baltimore](#) is set for Saturday, May 18th at the University of Baltimore Merrick School of Business. This transportation unconference, led by attendees, is an engaging forum about transportation to the people who use, plan, design, build, advocate for, hack, or just feel passionate about transportation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Yinka Bode-George – Resident, Baltimore City

Janet Eveland – Resident, Baltimore City

Proxy Designated by: N. Katsikides, J. Weeks

Kira Gardner-Marshall – Neighborhood Housing Services Baltimore

Ben Groff – Resident, Baltimore City

Tfadzwa Gwitira – Resident, Baltimore City

Bari Klein – Healthy Harford

Attended online

Paul Kowzan – Broadway Area Business Association

Mark Lotz – Resident, Harford County

Ian Moller-Knudson – Howard County Sierra Club

Eric Norton – Central Maryland Transportation Alliance

Proxy Designated by: M. Davis, Y Hicks, J. Weeks

Matt Peterson – Resident, Baltimore County

Audrey Sellers – Accessible Resources for Independence, Inc.

Michael Thompson – Turner Station Conservation Teams

Arjan van Andel – Resident, Anne Arundel County

Paul Verchinski – Howard County Citizens Association (HCCA)

Cynthia Wyatt – Resident, Anne Arundel County

Attended online

Daniel Yi – Resident – Howard County

Staff and Guests

Gary Blazinsky, Harford Transit

Terry Freeland – Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)

Monica Haines Benkhedda – BMC