

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

January 10, 2018
9:35 to 10:35 A.M.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 A.M. by Mr. Kwaku Duah

1. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 5, 2017 MINUTES

Mr. Duah asked for approval of the minutes from the December meeting of the Technical Committee. Mr. Alex Rawls moved to approve the minutes with Mr. Duah seconding the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION OF RESOLUTION #18-8

Mr. Freeland went over the proposed highway safety performance targets. As noted at the previous Technical Committee meeting, MDOT developed these proposed targets for the region using regional data for the five categories: number of fatalities, rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT), number of serious injuries, rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT, and total of non-motorized (pedestrian and bike) fatalities.

Members asked questions about the methodology used. Mr. Freeland gave a brief overview, noting that the 5-year rolling averages / trend line analysis methodology is consistent with federal guidelines. He indicated that members wishing additional details on the methodology could contact either Meredith Hill (SHA's performance measure coordinator) or Tom Gianni (director of the MVA's Highway Safety Office). Mr. Ian Beam of MDOT stated that the data and methodology are being applied on a consistent basis statewide. This will help with the overall approach to performance-based planning and programming.

There was some discussion about the state's "Toward Zero Deaths" effort. Mr. Freeland noted that, even though the performance targets are short-term, the state and region remain committed to the long-term goal of achieving zero fatalities. Mr. Beam added that this effort began in 2008 and is ongoing. It includes the state's goal of reaching half of the 2008 fatalities by 2030.

The members voted to recommend that the BRTB adopt the resolution at its January 26 meeting.

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION OF RESOLUTION #18-9

Mr. Todd Lang from BMC presented Resolution #18-9 endorsing a range of actions and procedures for improving the management of traffic incidents on the regions roadways. The resolution stems from a recommendation from the Traffic Incident Management for the Baltimore Region (TIMBR) subcommittee of the BRTB. This regional committee focused on traffic incident management that meets quarterly and includes representatives from the various BRTB jurisdictions and agencies including the SHA CHART center. A similar resolution is being signed by various organizations including Maryland Police Chiefs and MD Fire Chiefs organizations. Technical Committee members asked about the purpose of adopting these actions and procedures as they seem to be more high level and might better be named goals. Also members had questions on some of the specific language of the actions and procedures. Mr. Lang indicated he would follow up on the specific purpose and language and that the Technical Committee could make the recommendation contingent on satisfactory answers to their questions.

A motion was made to recommend approval with the caveat that the clarifications will be provided to the Technical Committee. There was a second and the recommendation with caveats was approved.

As a follow up, the resolution is a distilled version of a more detailed Memorandum of Understanding signed by State Highway Administration and the Maryland Department of State Police in 2015. The purpose of this resolution is to get buy in from local emergency management personnel and a similar resolution is currently being signed by various Maryland Police Chiefs, Sheriffs and Fire Chiefs associations. In addition, the distilled version has been signed by SHA, MSP, the Towing and Recovery Professionals of MD and some other Maryland local jurisdictions.

4. MAXIMIZE2045 ELEMENTS

Mr. Lang indicated that BMC staff are working on a methodology to review local budget documents to develop a snapshot of a standard amount of local funding for transportation improvements and maintenance. After review and approval by the local members, these funds will be projected to the horizon year of the MAXIMIZE2045 plan and be counted as local contributions. BMC will be distributing these projections in the next month.

5. MAXIMIZE2040 / FY 2018-2021 TIP AMENDMENTS

Mr. Lang reviewed the December 19, 2017 Governor's announcement of the Baltimore Traffic Relief plan. This announcement included \$461 million in new traffic relief initiatives for the Baltimore region, including adding lanes to 27 miles of highway to alleviate congestion on the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) and I-95. The Traffic Relief Plan will require several amendments to both the MAXIMIZE2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). BMC staff are currently working with the Maryland Department of Transportation including staff from the appropriate business units to model the improvements for congestion relief, air quality and to determine the required amendments. A question was asked if these improvements will be offset by cancelling or scaling back other projects in the Baltimore region. At this point it does not appear that other Baltimore region projects will be affected by these amendments but BMC staff will check. The

improvements on I-95 are managed and funded by the Maryland Transportation Authority and their toll funding.

6. FY 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM LAUNCH

Mr. Zach Kaufman distributed a schedule for the FY 2019-2022 TIP and discussed key dates in the process. Coordinators will be able to access the database to submit new and updated project information on January 16. All projects must be updated by March 1 to allow time for air quality modeling, with access to the database closed soon after. Jurisdictions must also submit letters of financial reasonableness by May 1. The draft FY 2019-2022 TIP will go out for public comment in late May and will go before the BRTB in July.

7. FY 2018-2019 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Lang distributed a draft schedule for the development of the update to the FY 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program for the Fiscal Year 2019. It is anticipated that a 30 day public review on the update will start on February 9, 2018 with final adoption by the BRTB in April 2018. Mr. Lang also discussed some potential focus areas that have been suggested by BRTB members and BMC staff.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Sara Tomlinson (BMC) provided a brief overview of the Volkswagen Mitigation Plan. As part of the Volkswagen settlement, they are required to spend a total of \$2.7 billion on emission reduction strategies and programs in the U.S. States are eligible to receive funds through a settlement agreement. Maryland is eligible to receive \$75.7 million; and has up to ten years to spend the funds on projects that reduce NOx emissions from the transportation sector. Maryland has selected MDE as the beneficiary lead agency for Maryland. Eligible projects include diesel repowering or replacement with scrappage, light duty zero emissions vehicle supply equipment, and ocean going vessel shore power. Ms. Tomlinson said that staff will be sending out a survey to members requesting information on each jurisdiction's electric vehicle charging needs and possible locations of needed chargers.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Ian Beam – Maryland Department of Transportation
Laurie Brown – Maryland Transit Administration (MTA)
Alex Brun – Maryland Department of Environment
Ken Choi, Maryland Department of Planning
Steve Cohoon – Queen Anne's County
David Cookson – Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning
Kwaku Duah – City of Annapolis
Mary Lane, Carroll County Department of Planning
John Malinowski – Baltimore City Department of Transportation

Martha Arzu-McIntosh, Anne Arundel County
Alex Rawls – Harford County
Jerry Smith – State Highway Administration

Staff and Guests

Jacob Dunkle, MTA
Terry Freeland - BMC
Don Halligan - BMC
Zack Kaufman - BMC
Todd Lang – BMC
Rebecca Smith - BMC
Sara Tomlinson – BMC