

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP**

Wednesday, July 11, 2018
9:37 to 10:56 A.M.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Mr. Steve Cohoon. He introduced Ms. Sara Tomlinson of BMC, who co-chaired the meeting. Members of both committees introduced themselves.

1. APPROVAL OF JUNE 5, 2018 MINUTES

Mr. Cohoon asked for approval of the minutes from the June meeting of the Technical Committee. Mr. Dan Janousek moved to approve the minutes with Mr. David Cookson seconding the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MAY 16, 2018 INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP MINUTES

Ms. Tomlinson asked the ICG members to review the minutes of the May ICG meeting. Ms. Colleen Turner of MDOT moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Alex Brun of MDE seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. ELECTION OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Mr. Kwaku Duah restated the TC Nominating Committee had offered the slate of Queen Anne's County as Chair and Howard County as Vice Chair for FY 2019. A motion was made by Mr. Graham Young and seconded by Ms. Martha Arzu-McIntosh with unanimous support from the members.

4. RECOMMENDED ACTION OF RESOLUTION #19-1

Mr. Zach Kaufman gave a brief overview of the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). It includes 127 projects requesting a total of \$3.2 billion – \$2.22 billion in federal funds and \$0.98 billion in matching funds. SHA (\$1.59 billion), MTA - Transit (\$741 million), and Baltimore City (\$317 million) are the largest sources of fund requests by implementing agency. Of the nine project categories, highway preservation (70) and highway

capacity (25) have the largest number of projects. The highway preservation (38.1%), highway capacity (23.1%), and transit (16.7%) categories account for approximately 78% of funds programmed. There are four new projects in the 2019-2022 TIP, including one each from Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Howard County, and the MDOT Office of the Secretary. A 30-day public review began on May 23 and ended on June 25. Public involvement activities included one public meeting with approximately 30 attendees, a presentation to the Public Advisory Committee, and advertisement in *The Baltimore Sun* online. In addition, BMC staff developed an interactive project map that allows people to view and search for TIP projects. A range of comments was received from six individuals/organizations and the BRTB has responded to those comments. Responses to the comments were shared with members and a request was made to indicate any edits before they were sent out by 2 pm on Wednesday.

Mr. Cohoon asked for a motion. Mr. Duah made a motion to move Resolution #19-1 to the BRTB as presented and Ms. Mary Lane seconded the motion with unanimous support from the members.

[PowerPoint: Baltimore Region 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program, Handouts: Draft Responses to Public Comments and Draft Responses to PAC Comments]

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION OF RESOLUTION #19-2

Ms. Tomlinson walked members of the committees through the results of the modeling as it related to outputs for two criteria pollutants. The outputs were compared to the budgets established in the State Implementation Plan (SIP). Ms. Tomlinson also explained which years were tested and why they were chosen. It was noted that if this trend continues the region should meet the newly approved performance targets.

Mr. Cohoon asked for a motion. Mr. Joel Gallihue made a motion to move Resolution #19-2 to the BRTB with an updated attachment and Mr. Cookson seconded the motion with unanimous support from the members.

[PowerPoint: Conformity Results of the 2019-2022 TIP and Amended Maximize2040]

4. RECOMMENDED ACTION OF RESOLUTION #19-3

Mr. Terry Freeland introduced this resolution, involving the self-certification of the BRTB's transportation planning process. This occurs with the development of each new TIP. The language of this self-certification document remains essentially the same as last year's document, with some important revisions. These include updates to reflect the development of the FY 2019-2022 TIP; progress made in developing the next long range-plan, particularly in adopting performance targets; the adoption of a revised Public Participation Plan; and the establishment of a new DBE participation goal.

Mr. Duah moved to recommend approval of the resolution, and Mr. Graham Young seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. RECOMMENDED ACTION ON RESOLUTION #19-4

Ms. Regina Aris provided some background on the TA Program and then presented staff recommendations for funding relating to fifteen applications. Fourteen of the applications totaling \$18.9 million are competing for funds in the amount of \$2.1 million in the Baltimore Urbanized Area. Three applications were recommended for full or partial funding. There was also one application for the Aberdeen-Bel Air North-Bel Air South Urbanized Area totaling \$4 million competing for funds in the amount of \$528,493. The recommendation from staff was to award all available funds from that Urbanized Area and match it with an equal amount from the Baltimore Urbanized Area.

Pending a decision by the BRTB, all applications go to the State Review Committee and the ones recommended for funding out of the Urbanized Area funds are confirmed for eligibility. Remaining applications will compete for funding out of the State allotment of funds. Members had a wide range of questions and concerns. Staff will follow up with information on previous awards, possible revisions to applications before the State Review Committee meets, and to review the recommendation for Baltimore City.

Following a lengthy presentation and round of discussions, Mr. Cohoon asked for a motion to approve Resolution #19-4. Mr. Duah moved to recommend approval of the resolution, and Ms. Arzu-McIntosh seconded the motion. The motion passed with one vote in opposition.

[PowerPoint: Transportation Alternatives Program, Handout: Updated Attachment to Resolution #19-4]

6. PRESENTATION ON I-95 – BOTH THE ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS AT PORT COVINGTON AND SECTION 200 ETLs

Mr. Dan Janousek described the two projects that MDOT has asked the BRTB to amend into the Plan and TIP. These projects will be fully defined and sent to the ICG to review and MDE will be asked to assist with the conformity determination as is the practice. It is anticipated that these projects will begin a 30-day review period in late July with approval before the ICG, TC and BRTB in September.

[Handout: Description of Proposed Infrastructure Improvements at Port Covington]

7. PRESENTATION: FUNDING FOR INTERCITY BUS ROUTES IN MARYLAND

Ms. Nancy Huggins, representing, MTA, noted that, while she would be presenting information today on intercity bus travel in the region, Mr. Bruce Hojnacki will be taking over responsibility for overseeing this program.

Ms. Huggins' presentation included information on funding that MTA receives under the Section 5311f program to support intercity bus transportation. Per federal requirements, 15 percent of this funding program is set aside for the intercity bus program.

In 2009, MTA's Office of Local Transit Support conducted a statewide assessment of intercity transit needs, which included an inventory of existing services and a demographic analysis. The assessment showed that intercity bus services in Maryland would function as a vital link between rural communities and the rest of the state and region.

As a result of this assessment, MTA's Office of Local Transit Support established and currently manages intercity bus service in two regions in Maryland. These regions are:

- the Western Maryland region (I-68/I-70 corridor from Grantsville, Maryland to Baltimore) – Twice daily service in both directions provided by Bayrunners, Inc. (except for Saturday, which is limited to one morning trip) – Bayrunners receives operating and capital assistance.
- the Central Maryland region (from the Washington, DC border to the Delaware border). – Once daily service in both directions provided by Greyhound Lines, Inc. – Greyhound Lines, Inc. receives operating assistance.

MDTravelLink.org is a website created specifically for MTA's intercity bus service. The website is scheduled for a refresh in FY 2019. Commuter Choice Maryland will also provide intercity bus information.

Questions and further discussion about fares and schedules followed. In addition, Mr. Duah remarked that, since the assistance that Bayrunners receives includes funding to support marketing, perhaps this funding could be applied to provide additional publicity about the services. Ms. Huggins responded that there is very robust publicity about these services in western Maryland.

[PowerPoint: MDOT MTA Intercity Bus Transportation Program]

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Freeland reminded the Technical Committee members about coordinating with SHA and/or staff while developing their project submittals for the next long-range plan. He also reminded the members of the August 31, 2018 due date for project submittals.

Ms. Tomlinson talked briefly about the upcoming CMAQ Performance Plan. FHWA MD Division recently shared new guidance released from FHWA on what is to be submitted annually for this plan. The first plan from the BRTB will be due in October 2018.

Mr. Freeland mentioned that the August Technical Committee meeting will include a presentation from SHA on data and performance targets related to reliability, and the September meeting will include a presentation on data and performance targets related to pavement and bridge conditions. This will bring the committee up to date with respect to information on all of the targets the BRTB needs to adopt by November 2018.

Mr. Don Halligan talked about the upcoming bicycle ride on July 26 from 5 to 7 pm beginning at 1609 Johnson Street in Riverside Park.

ATTENDANCE

ICG and TC Members

Kwame Arhin – Federal Highway Administration – MD Division
Martha Arzu-McIntosh, Anne Arundel County Department of Planning & Zoning
Ken Choi, Maryland Department of Planning
Steve Cohoon – Queen Anne’s County Department of Public Works
Kwaku Duah – City of Annapolis Department of Transportation
Laurie Brown (for Zach Chissell) – Maryland Transit Administration (MTA)
David Cookson – Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning
Dan Janousek – Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Mary Lane, Carroll County Department of Planning
Joel Gallihue – Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning
Stephen Miller – State Highway Administration (SHA)
Colleen Turner - MDOT
Russ Walto – Maryland Transportation Authority
Graham Young – Baltimore City Department of Transportation

Staff and Guests

Regina Aris - Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)
Charles Baber - BMC
Jacob Dunkle - MTA
Terry Freeland - BMC
Don Halligan - BMC
Victor Henry - BMC
Bruce Hojnacki - MTA
Nancy Huggins - MTA
Zack Kaufman – BMC
Rebecca Smith - BMC
Sara Tomlinson – BMC
Marcia Ways – MDE (by phone)