

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

December 4, 2018

9:37 to 10:35 A.M.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 A.M. by Mr. Steve Cohoon. Mr. Cohoon welcomed Ms. Darlisa Thomas from Baltimore County to the TC.

1. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 13, 2018 MINUTES

Mr. Cohoon asked for approval of the minutes from the November meeting of the Technical Committee. Mr. Dan Janousek moved to approve the minutes with Ms. Mary Lane seconding the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION ON RESOLUTION #19-15

Mr. Robert Berger reviewed Resolution #19-15. The resolution is in support of application(s) for statewide funding in the Rural and Small Urban categories of the FY 2020-2021 5310 Program. After a brief introduction to the 5310 Program, including the four program criteria, Mr. Berger shared BMC staff comments on an application submitted by The Arc of Carroll County, which is seeking capital funds for four replacement vehicles and one vehicle for expansion. The Arc of Carroll County was the only application received in the Rural and Small Urban categories. Staff stated that the information provided by the applicant was responsive to each of the four questions.

The TC voted to recommend sending Resolution #19-15 to the BRTB for approval. If the BRTB endorses the application, it will advance to the State Coordinating Committee for Human Services Transportation.

[PowerPoint: Section 5310 Grant Program]

3. PRESENTATION

Mr. Bala Akundi provided an overview of traffic safety in the region by highlighting 2013-2017 benchmark reports for each jurisdiction that shows, in general, an increasing trend in highway crashes, fatalities and injuries. Compared to the rest of the state, the Baltimore region has more crashes, fewer fatalities and similar injuries, over a 10-year period between 2008 to 2017.

However, bicycle and pedestrian fatalities and injuries are over-represented in the region and continue to increase over this period.

Switching to safety performance measures required under federal regulations, he noted that MPOs are required to set targets 180 days after the state has submitted their HSIP report, which gives the region until February 26, 2019. There are five required targets: 1) Total fatalities, 2) Fatality rate per 100 MVMT, 3) Total serious injuries, 4) Serious injury rate per 100 MVMT, and 5) Total fatalities and serious injuries among non-motorized persons.

The BRTB target setting process follows Maryland's methodology of Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) with a goal of 50 percent reduction from 2008-2030. BMC recently obtained updated targets using 2017 data in the five-year rolling averages (single year targets are the midpoint of the average). These new targets will be brought before the Technical Committee and BRTB for approval in January 2019 as Resolution #19-16. Previously, the BRTB approved resolution #18-8 in January 2018.

Mr. Akundi quickly noted some of the other safety initiatives that are underway in the state and region. These include updating the current SHSP (2016-2020) in 2019, U.S. 1 Safety Evaluation in Howard County, local SHSP development in all seven jurisdictions, and development of a brand new creative for a regional pedestrian and bicycle safety campaign. Ms. Cindy Burch is leading the effort to coordinate the development and implementation of the local SHSPs and has reached out to representatives in all the jurisdictions to begin and/or build on on-going efforts.

Ms. Martha Arzu-McIntosh asked if the wrong-way crash analysis that was being conducted by SHA along U.S. 50 in Anne Arundel County could be made available. Mr. Akundi will coordinate this with SHA staff.

In response to a concern expressed by Mr. Cohoon regarding the revised targets being higher than the ones previously adopted, Mr. Akundi noted that while the goal is still reducing fatalities and injuries by 50 percent by the year 2030, the recent trend results in a slight adjustment to the interim 5-year rolling averages. This will be explained further at the next meeting when the resolution is brought before the committee.

***[PowerPoint: Regional Safety Overview - Target Setting, Local Planning, Safety Projects
Handouts: Page 1 of state and local benchmark reports]***

4. INFORMATION ON UPWP TASKS

- Mr. Todd Lang reminded members that their suggestions for focus areas, consultant support and subarea projects for the FY 2020 UPWP were due Tuesday, December 18. Once a list of focus areas and consultant tasks is compiled they will be sent out and ranked by the TC at the January meeting.
- Ms. Regina Aris mentioned that BMC is waiting on the crash data and cost information from MDOT SHA therefore the plan process is on hold. Ms. Aris then shared some of the creative design material the consultant has prepared for Maximize2045.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

No one had any other business to share.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Martha Arzu McIntosh – Anne Arundel County Department of Planning & Zoning
Zach Chissel – Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA)
Ken Choi – Maryland Department of Planning
Steve Cohoon – Queen Anne’s County Department of Public Works
David Cookson – Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning
Joel Gallihue – Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning
Dan Janousek – Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Mary Lane - Carroll County Department of Planning
Lisa Sirota – State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA)
Darlisa Thomas, Baltimore County Department of Public Works
Graham Young – Baltimore City Department of Transportation

Staff and Guests

Regina Aris - Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)
Bala Akundi - BMC
Robert Berger – BMC
Don Halligan - BMC
Todd Lang – BMC
Toria Lassiter – MDOT SHA
Rebecca Smith – BMC