

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

September 5, 2023
9:30 to 11:01 A.M.

MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2023 MINUTES

Mr. Dan Janousek asked for approval of the minutes from the August meeting of the Technical Committee. Mr. David Cookson moved to approve the minutes with Mr. Patrick McMahon seconding the motion. Mr. Kwaku Duah mentioned one typo to be corrected. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION ON RESOLUTION #24-4

Mr. Todd Lang began the discussion with the purpose for the action. A resolution is needed in order to amend the FY 2024 UPWP to carry over funding for tasks that were not completed in FY 2023, or earlier. For consultant or subarea tasks that were not completed, the remaining funds need to be moved to the FY 2024 UPWP in order for reimbursement to occur. Invoices are required to reflect activities in the current work program.

In the first section Mr. Lang described the 12 BMC-led consultant tasks that are being recommended to move into FY 2024. One task was closed in July, a number of them are ongoing and several are just getting ready for advertisement.

There are eleven BMC-led tasks that have funding for local support. Seven tasks have been closed out and four of those tasks are ongoing. A recommendation on the local support for the seven tasks was made later in the meeting.

The last group of projects are the ones known as Subarea Tasks that are led by individual jurisdictions. Three projects (FY 2018, FY 2019 and FY 2020) led by Baltimore City remain open. Two projects (FY 2014 and FY 2019) led by Anne Arundel County remain open. Four projects (2 in FY 2019 and 2 in FY 2020) led by Howard County remain open. Two projects (FY 2018 and FY 2019) led by Queen Anne's County remain open. Remaining funds shown are through June 30 – or the third quarter for the locals.

BMC may look to the Executive Committee to consider how to utilize some funds in another way. Mr. Lang offered three options: 1) leave billing open until the end of the first quarter of FY 2024 for a chance to submit any prior billing, 2) close out all of the projects and save the money for FY 2025 or 3) allow jurisdictions to repurpose the unused funds. BMC staff recommend the first option.

Mr. Janousek asked for a motion and a second. Mr. Brian Ulrich offered the motion and Mr. Cookson made the second. Mr. Cookson asked to clarify option 1 to see if it included billing from previous fiscal years. The answer is yes, billing can span backwards to previous years.

[PowerPoint: FY 2023 Carryover]

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION ON RESOLUTION #24-5

Ms. Aris presented Resolution #24-5. Anne Arundel County has requested to amend the FY 2024-2027 TIP to add one new project, the Governor Bridge Road over Little Patuxent River. This project was presented to the Interagency Consultation Group at its April 5th meeting and was determined to be exempt according to the conformity rule. Mr. Ulrich presented the project for Anne Arundel County.

The existing bridge is a single lane, single span structure between Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties. The historic bridge was constructed in 1910 and is located just south of US 50. This bridge is prone to frequent flooding on the Prince George's County side and has often overtopped the bridge deck. In 2009 the condition of the bridge deteriorated causing a weight restriction to be applied. In 2013, the bridge was determined to be structurally deficient with repairs made in 2014. Finally in 2015 the bridge was closed to traffic. In 2018, a study was completed with numerous alternatives to re-open the bridge. Alternate 3 was ultimately selected which is to replace the structure with a new single lane structure in the current location, utilizing as much of the existing structure as possible.

Other improvements include horizontal and vertical adjustments on the Prince George's County side to meet AASHTO requirements. On the Anne Arundel County side the approach roadway will be raised to meet the 2-year storm elevation and to install cross pipes to improve flooding conditions.

The amendment would add \$500,000 for engineering in FY 2024-2025 and \$4,500,000 in construction funds in FY 2026-2027. The total project cost is \$11.5 million with Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties splitting the cost equally.

There was a request for a motion regarding Resolution #24-5. Mr. Kwaku Duah made a motion to send Resolution #24-5 to the BRTB as presented and Mr. Steve Cohoon seconded the motion. No members of the public had any comments. A vote was taken on Resolution #24-5, with unanimous support from the members.

[PowerPoint: TIP Amendment for Governor Road Bridge]

4. RECOMMENDED ACTION ON RESOLUTION #24-6

Ms. Aris presented Resolution #24-6. The Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) has requested to amend the FY 2024-2027 TIP to add one new project, the Martin Airport – All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP). This project was presented to the Interagency Consultation Group at its April 5th meeting and was determined

to be exempt according to the conformity rule. Ms. Erika Falk presented the project for MDOT MTA.

MDOT MTA was awarded funds from the All Stations Accessibility Program which is funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. ASAP represents the first round of funding intended to improve accessibility for everyone at rail stations within their communities.

Existing conditions require riders to cross multiple tracks to access the station. This amendment adds a total of \$8.91 million for engineering in FY 2024-2025. MDOT MTA will use this funding to develop plans and complete environmental work (NEPA) for future renovations of the Martin State Airport station on its MARC Penn Commuter rail line. These changes will make the Penn line safer and fully accessible.

The anticipated schedule includes signing the Grant Award Agreement in October 2023, completing preliminary engineering in July 2025, completing final design in July 2027 and project closeout in December of 2027.

This project will support those with disabilities and mobility needs to access some of the nation's oldest and busiest rail transit systems. The project will improve ADA related conditions for pedestrians and transit riders as well as improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

There was a request for a motion regarding Resolution #24-6. Mr. Cohoon made a motion to send Resolution #24-6 to the BRTB as presented and Ms. Angie Daniel seconded the motion. No members of the public had any comments. A vote was taken on Resolution #24-6, with unanimous support from the members.

[PowerPoint: TIP Amendment for Martin Airport]

5. UPWP UPDATES

- **Maryland Travel Survey: Employment:** Mr. Robert Berger discussed results from the 2018-2019 Maryland Travel Survey (MTS), specifically, a study of employment in the region. The analysis used regional, rather than jurisdictional data.

Employment by jurisdiction: Howard County had 72.7% employed workers, Carroll County had 70.1%, Anne Arundel County had 68.9%, Baltimore County had 64.7%, Harford County had 64.1%, Baltimore City had 59.7%, and Queen Anne's County had 58.8%.

Retirement by jurisdiction: Queen Anne's County had 37.6% retired workers, Harford County had 27.4%, Anne Arundel County had 25.8%, Baltimore County had 25.7%, Carroll County had 24.7%, Howard County had 23.1%, and Baltimore City had 21.7%.

Unemployment by jurisdiction: Baltimore City had 6.7% unemployed workers, Baltimore County had 4.9%, Harford County had 3.5%, Carroll County had 3.4%, Anne Arundel County had 3.2%, Howard County had 2.6%, and Queen Anne's County had 1.2%.

Disabled non-workers by jurisdiction: Baltimore City had 11.8%, Harford County had 5.0%, Baltimore County had 4.7%, Queen Anne's County had 2.4%, Anne Arundel County had 2.1%, Carroll County had 1.8%, and Howard County had 1.6%.

Employment by Age Group:

empl: 16-17 years olds 87.1%, unempl 11.4%, disabled non 1.4%, retired 0.0%.
empl: 18-44 years olds 89.6%, unempl: 7.1%, disabled non 3.0%, retired 0.3%.
empl: 45-64 years old 76.7%, unempl: 4.2%, disabled non 8.2%, retired 10.9%.
empl: 65 years old and older 23.3%, unempl: 0.8%, disabled non 2.6%, retired 73.3%.

Employment by Race & Ethnicity:

White workers: empl 67.2%, unempo 2.9%, disabled non 2.8%, retired 27.2%.
African American workers: empl 57.6%, unempl: 7.6%, disabled non 12.7%, retired 22.0%.
Asian workers: empl 77.4%, unempl 4.7%, disabled non 1.1%, retired 16.8%
Hispanic workers: empl 83.8%, unempl 5.6%, disabled non 5.6%, retired 9.1%.

Daily Travel by Trip Purpose:

Employed: work 41.0%, shopping and meals 26.2%, personal business and other tasks 25.7%, socializing and recreation 5.5%, school (1.6%).
Unemployed: shopping and meals 41.9%, personal business and other tasks 36.6%, socializing and recreation 12.7%, school 4.5%, and work xx%. He noted that these Unemployed workers may have found another job.
Disabled non-worker: personal business and other tasks 41.9%, shopping and meals 40.4%, socializing and recreation 14.2%, work 1.8%, and school 1.6%.
Retired: shopping and meals 51.5%, personal business and other tasks 36.4%, socializing and recreation 10.0%, work 1.7%, and school 0.4%.

[PowerPoint: MTS Results: Employment in the Baltimore Region]

- **2022 Residential Hot Spot:** Ms. Crystal McDermott reported on the region's housing growth in 2022, identifying ten housing "hot spots" in Anne Arundel County, Harford County and Baltimore City. The top ten hot spots accounted for 46.3 percent of all new units. Ms. McDermott shared an interactive map displaying the residential Hot Spots across the region. The top ten hot spots include: Stadium Square (South Baltimore) with 650 permitted units, Beacon Square (Crownsville) with 508 permitted units, Watershed Liberty (Maryland City) with 304 permitted units, Fieldside Grande (Aberdeen/Havre de Grace) with 288 permitted units, The Quill (South Baltimore) with 270 permitted units, Arinc Property (Crownsville) with 250 permitted units, 3025 W Cold Spring Ln (Lower Park Heights) with 165 permitted units, Watershed Gateway (Maryland City) with 159 permitted units, Tanyard Shores (Marley Neck) with 156 permitted units, and Perkins Homes (East Baltimore) with 156 permitted units.

Residential Hot Spots 2022 Report

https://www.baltometro.org/sites/default/files/bmc_documents/data%26maps/community/building-permit/HotSpotReport_2022.pdf

Annual Building Permit Activity Report (Looks at Non Residential and Residential at the RPD level):

https://www.baltometro.org/sites/default/files/bmc_documents/data%26maps/community/building-permit/BuildingActivityReport_2022.pdf

[Storymap: [Residential Hot Spots 2022 Presentation](#)]

- **Wrap of Resilience 2050:** Mr. Zach Kaufman requested feedback from the Technical Committee on the planning process for *Resilience 2050* as well as recommended improvements for the next LRTP cycle. He highlighted key steps in the *Resilience 2050* planning process, including identifying regional goals and strategies, the white paper series, review and approval of the financial plan, project submittal and scoring, and public involvement. Mr. Kaufman requested feedback within two weeks and agreed to send a reminder after the meeting.

[PowerPoint: [Resilience 2050 Feedback](#)]

6. OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting will be held in person on October 3, 2023 – and we'll see you at AMPO!

ATTENDANCE

Members

Steve Cohoon – Queen Anne’s County Department of Public Works
David Cookson – Howard County Office of Transportation
Angelica Daniel – Baltimore County Department of Public Works & Transportation
Kwaku Duah – Annapolis Department of Transportation
Tina James – Maryland Department of Planning
Dan Janousek – Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Tavon Hawkins – MDOT State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA)
Clare Stewart – Carroll County Department of Planning
Patrick McMahon – MDOT Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA)
Sam Kahl (for Alex Rawls) – Harford County Department of Planning
Catherine Salarano – Maryland Department of the Environment
Will Ethridge (for Stu Sirota) – Baltimore City Department of Transportation
Brian Ulrich – Anne Arundel County Office of Transportation (OOT)

Staff and Guests

Regina Aris - Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)
Charles Baber - BMC
Robert Berger - BMC
Cindy Burch - BMC
Rebecca Deibel - BMC
Erica Falk – MDOT MTA
Blake Fisher - BMC

Louisa Glazunova - BMC
Monica Haines Benkhedda - BMC
Don Halligan – BMC
Victor Henry - BMC
Zach Kaufman - BMC
Mike Kelly - BMC
Shawn Kimberly - BMC
Todd Lang – BMC
Crystal McDermott - BMC
Charlene Mingus – BMC
Brian Ryder – BMC
Hawi Sorsu - guest