Interagency Review –
Activity Update

Update for Technical Committee

December 6, 2016
Purpose

• The Interagency Review Meetings are a regularly scheduled (monthly) meeting for the scoping and coordination of transportation projects with review and permitting agencies.

• Provide a forum for effective 2-way communication and facilitate agency participation and input on projects.
Maryland’s Streamlined Environmental and Regulatory Process

- Used by SHA (and other MDOT TBUs) to ensure agency consensus at key project milestones and allow the documentation developed for NEPA compliance to serve as a substantial part of the documentation required by the reviewing, permitting and funding agencies.
Maryland’s Streamlined Environmental and Regulatory Process

- The streamlined process provides numerous opportunities for agency input and includes requests for formal concurrence or comment at three key milestones: 1) purpose and need, 2) alternatives retained for detailed study, and 3) selected alternative and conceptual mitigation.
Interagency Review Meetings

- Attendees: USACE, US EPA, USFWS, MDE, MDP, DNR, Project Sponsor, Consultants, MPO
- Info Shared:
  - Project P&N, ARDS, Preferred Alternative
  - Project Location Information
  - Potential Environmental Impacts
  - Mitigation Options
Interagency Review Meetings

• Potential Impacts to:
  – Wetlands/Waterways
  – Chesapeake Bay Critical Area
  – Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species
  – Historic/Archeological Resources
  – Woodland/Vegetation
  – Land Use/Environmental Justice
  – Residential or business displacements
  – Noise
  – Cost
Overview

MDOT Transportation Projects

• SHA Projects
• MdTA Projects
• MTA Projects
Maryland SHA Projects

- MD SHA Projects Reviewed at IRM Meetings in 2016:

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MD 32 from MD 108 to I-70

- Widening from 2 lanes to 4 lane divided highway
- Highway Design Study/Mitigation
- Presentations in 2016:
  - JPA Special Conditions - Aquatic Life Issues
  - Stream Restoration
- Current Phase: Design
- Construction: Summer 2017 - 2019
MD 24 Section G

- System Preservation/Mitigation
- Highway Design – Slope repair
- Presentation in 2016:
  - New concept option
- Current Phase: Design
- ROW: 2017 or 2018
US 40 over Little Gunpowder Falls and Gunpowder Falls

- System Preservation/Mitigation
- Bridge Design
- Presentation in 2016:
  - Mitigation: potential sites and options
- Current Phase: Design (45% complete)
Maryland Transportation Authority Projects

- MdTA Project Reviewed at IRM Meetings in 2016:

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Port Covington I-95 Access Improvements

- NEPA Scoping
- MdTA and Baltimore City Study
- Presentation in 2016:
  - Purpose and Need
- Presented 4 options for access improvements
- Draft Environmental Assessment in 2017/IRM Coordination
MTA Projects

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B&P Tunnel

• NEPA Study – New tunnel alignment to replace the existing 141-year old B&P Tunnel
• Team: FRA/MDOT/Balt. City/Amtrak
• Presentations in 2016:
  – FEIS including Preferred alternative and vent plant location
• FEIS released in November 2016
• BPTunnel.com
Susquehanna River Rail Bridge

- NEPA Study – Replacement of 110 year old bridge used by freight/passenger rail
- Team: FRA/MDOT/MTA/Amtrak
- Presentation in 2016:
  - Alternatives Retained for Detailed Study (Nov. 2015) and Public Involvement; Avoidance and Minimization Measures
- Current Phase: Environmental Assessment (EA) – Completion 2017
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