

Interagency Review – Activity Update

Update for Technical Committee

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Baltimore Metropolitan Council



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:

Projects
MD 32 from MD 108 to I-70 (Howard Co.)
US 50 Severn River Bridge (Anne Arundel Co.)
MD 24 Section G (Harford Co.)
US 40 over Little Gunpowder Falls and Gunpowder Falls (Balt. Co)
MD 86 over S. Branch Gunpowder Falls Bridge Design (Carroll Co)



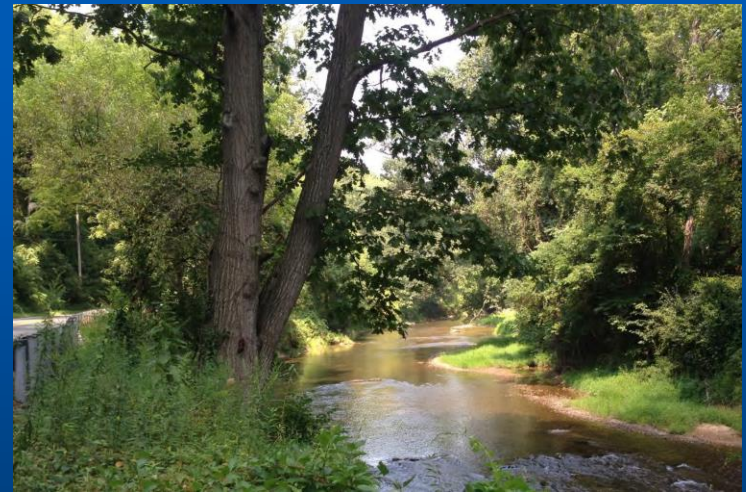
MD 32 from MD 108 to I-70

- 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:

Project
Port Covington I-95 Access Improvements



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

- MTA Projects Reviewed at IRM Meetings in 2016:

Projects
B&P Tunnel Project
Susquehanna River Rail Bridge
Superconducting Maglev (SCMAGLEV) – Upcoming Presentation



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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