

# Baltimore Metropolitan Council



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## **BMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**April 23, 2013**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor, Baltimore City  
Honorable Haven Shoemaker, Secretary, Board of County Commissioners, Carroll County and Chair,  
Baltimore Metropolitan Council  
Honorable Ken Ulman, Howard County Executive

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Jeremy Baker, Howard County  
Calvin Bowman, Chair, UAWG Sr. Policy Advisor  
Noel Chesser, EnerNOC  
John Dulina MEMA  
Alan Friedman, Anne Arundel County  
Sam Hood, Baltimore City PD  
Mark Hubbard, Baltimore City FD  
Ryan O'Doherty, Baltimore City  
Robert McCullough Baltimore County PD  
Rob McCord, Harford County  
Ryan Miller Howard County OEM  
Sam Moxley, Baltimore County  
Steve Powell, Carroll County  
Marianne Souders Carroll County OEM  
Russell Strickland Harford County OEM  
Steve Welzant Baltimore County OEM

### **BMC STAFF PRESENT**

Larry W. Klimovitz, Executive Director  
Regina Aris  
Barbara Herron  
Michael Kelly  
Todd Lang  
Eileen Singleton

Honorable Haven Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

## **Presentations**

### **Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) Activities and Updates**

At 2:46 P.M. County Executive Haven Shoemaker introduced Mr. Calvin Bowman, Chair, UAWG and Senior Policy Advisor of the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, to give the presentation of the Baltimore Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI).

Mr. Bowman outlined UASI's efforts to update their Homeland Security Strategy, based on the new National Preparedness Goal (NPG). The new NPG includes Presidential Policy Directive 8: National Preparedness (PPD-8), which includes a national approach at preparing for hazards that pose a great risk to the nation's security.

Mr. Bowman identified six goals of the National Preparedness System as: Identifying and assessing risk, Estimating capability requirements, Building and sustaining capabilities, Planning to deliver capabilities and Reviewing and updating. The first two of these six are required in order to qualify for the national grant program, which consolidates previous grants and works to reduce administrative burden on state and local government.

As a result of Baltimore UASI's success in utilizing FEMA's draft capability estimation comprehensive preparedness guide, they have been asked, and agreed to, pilot the capability estimation for FEMA in their national efforts.

Also mentioned was an inquiry made to Homeland Security regarding the Shelf Life Extension Program, about receiving support for a meeting with Emergency responders and Homeland Security to discuss the stock piling of medications for emergency responders. The County Executives present gave permission to the signing of a letter to the Congressional Delegation regarding SLEP, and authorization was given via letter on behalf of County Executive Craig and County Executive Kamenetz.

### **BRCPC Energy Purchasing Activities for 2012 and Forward Outlook**

County Executive Shoemaker introduced Mr. Noel Chesser of EnerNOC, to present highlights from the energy purchasing program. Mr. Chesser reported that the Electric supply rate decreased 18.6% in FY 2012, resulting in a \$26.8 million reduction in electric supply costs. Supply costs were \$13.7 million or 10.5% below plan. Natural gas supply rates decreased 11% in 2012 from the previous year, which resulted in a reduction of \$2.1 million in natural gas supply costs. Natural gas is \$1.5 million below plan, or 8%.

EnerNOC has contracts to purchase solar renewable energy certificates (SREC's), which are generated from member entity solar projects, such as Howard County Government, Baltimore City and Harford Community College.

Mr. Chessor explained that electricity capacity prices for the BGE region, which are a component of overall electricity costs, increases 65% for the 2013/14 year vs. the 2012/13 year. This is a potential cost increase to BRCPC members of \$10.2 million. BRCPC has taken steps to mitigate capacity costs increases, such as reduce summer peak demands through EnerNOC's peak load contribution predictor service, and expanding the demand response programs with EnerNOC to include real time metering to monitor peak demands. Capacity is determined by peak load days and peak load hours.

The County Executives were encouraged to direct their BRCPC procurement officers to support an RFP for increased generation and the purchase of REC's.

### Regional Debris Management Site Presentation

County Executive Shoemaker introduced Eileen Singleton to present on Regional Disaster Debris Management. Ms. Singleton outlined the background of the Debris Planning Task Force, which falls under the UAWG, and has been meeting since 2007. The task force includes representatives from local, regional, state, federal and the private sector.

Currently there are Temporary Debris Management Sites (DMS) that will accept, document, sort, process and prepare disaster debris for transfer to the final disposal location. The DMS will be established when needed but broken down when no longer needed. The plan for the task force is to establish a Regional Temporary DMS, in the event of major events such as hurricanes and tornados.

Operational Issues that have been discussed are load tracking, general funding and materials allowed in certain sites. Additional issues are which jurisdictions would host the regional DMS.

Concern is given by the County Executives to the operational issues surrounding the Regional DMS, in particular where the sites would be located and the cost of operation.

### **Program Updates**

#### HUD Sustainable Communities Grant

Baltimore Metropolitan Council Executive Director, introduced Michael Kelly to update the HUD Sustainable Communities Grant. Mr. Kelly explained that the program is looking at ways to connect housing, transportation and workforce development in the region. The overall idea is to assist more citizens in accessing opportunities in the region.

Meetings are arranged in each jurisdiction between housing and transportation officials to confer with one another about how their respective processes work and how they can better cooperate to achieve their goals.

An RFP is being established to create a 21<sup>st</sup> century "toolkit", which will included a workforce curriculum that will be adopted by community colleges and other workforce trainers. This will allow workers to achieve a program that lets employers know they are ready for employment.

#### **BMC Updates:**

Financial Condition of the BMC: As of March 31, 2013 the BMC is about 75% into the FY. 68% of the revenue has been collected and 66% spent.

501C3: The BMC's tax exempt status had been revoked as of March 2012. After 1 year of inquiry about a meeting with the IRS, a meeting was achieved, and the revocation issue was resolved.

Continuing Operations Plan: Currently the BMC performs daily and weekly backups on all systems and files. The U.S. department of Transportation requires that the BMC now document this as a

requirement of an MPO. This will be completed in July 2013 and presented to the Management Committee at that time.

MAP 21: House Resolution 4348, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, marked an end to the many short term funding extensions for transportation. Maryland's total share for highways in FY 2013 came to 580.5 million and for FY 2014 it was at 585.4 million. Transit funding for FY 2013 was 197.4 million in Maryland and going up to 200.4 million in FY 2014. It remains unclear whether sequestration will have an impact on Federal transportation funds.

Regional Revitalization Work Group: House Speaker Busch issued a press release at beginning of the 2013 session, concerning creation of a Regional Revitalization Work Group. House Bill 1533 was introduced on March 11, 2013, in conjunction with Speaker Busch's press release. The Bill would add six additional members to the BMC Board of Directors, and engages the BMC to develop economic strategies and diversifying the economic base, working in the areas of transportation, housing, education, residential development and economic development. The Board of Directors and Management Committee alike concurred that further discussion was needed as to how this would affect the BMC, and what the ultimate goals of the bill are, as well as how to reach those goals.

Action Item - FY 2014 BMC Operating Budget: The Board Members were asked to approve the Fiscal Year 2014 budget, which was presented to the Management Committee via conference call on April 10, 2013. Letters of endorsement and approval were provided by County Executive Kevin Kamenetz and County Executive David Craig, who were not able to attend the Board meeting. Commissioner Shoemaker asked for a motion to approve the FY 2014 Budget. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### Closing

As there was no further business, County Executive Shoemaker entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and seconded by County Executive Ken Ulman. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Larry W. Klimovitz  
Executive Director  
Baltimore Metropolitan Council