

BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD

December 19, 2017
Baltimore Metropolitan Council
9:04 to 10:28 A.M.

MINUTES

The 294th meeting was called to order at 9:04 A.M. by the Chair, Ms. Michelle Pourciau.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A request for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2017 BRTB meeting was made by Ms. Pourciau. A motion was made by Mr. Tony McClune to approve the minutes and seconded by Mr. Robert Andrews. The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITY

No members of the public offered comments at this meeting.

3. REPORT ON PUBLIC COMMENTS

There are no active BRTB public comment periods this month.

4. REPORT FROM THE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Eric Norton reported the following from the December PAC meeting:

- The Policy and Legislation Subcommittee reviewed the draft PAC Leadership Academy event plan and added some ideas. Several PAC members volunteered to serve on the ad-hoc event planning committee with BMC staff.
- The Public Involvement Subcommittee reviewed the 2014 Public Participation Plan to assess whether any changes should be requested prior to the BRTBs release of an updated PPP for public comment in 2018.

- The PAC voted to elect Mr. Norton as 2018 PAC Chair and Ms. Tafazda Gwitira and Mr. Mark Lotz as Vice-Chairs. In addition, the PAC Membership Subcommittee, consisting of the 2018 PAC Chairs, reviewed new member applications in December and submitted recommendations to the BRTB.
- The Transportation Equity Subcommittee presented the final draft statement on Equity for PAC approval. After discussion and some additions to the intro text, the PAC approved the statement.
- Mr. Norton presented the statement of equity to the BRTB and asked them to consider accepting this framework for future work activities.
- Additionally, Ms. Gwitira described the Leadership Academy concept, one based on a program offered by US DOT, and asked for BRTB support moving forward.

[Handouts: Defining Equity; Event Plan for Spring 2018 Leadership Academy]

5. REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Kwaku Duah reported the following from the December TC meeting:

- BMC provided an update on the status of the Round 9 forecasts being developed by the Cooperative Forecasting Group (CFG). It was explained that planning for the Round 9 forecasts began in 2015 and was triggered by the fact that there were multiple jurisdictions completing work on master plan updates and comprehensive rezoning processes, which are considered major planning efforts that can affect estimates of future growth.
- November 30 was the deadline for the local jurisdictions to submit their small area employment forecasts. Next steps in the Round 9 timeline include the development of travel demand model inputs, culminating in an endorsement by the BRTB in July 2018.
- BMC presented information from MDOT on potential highway safety targets for the region. MDOT submitted statewide targets to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) by the regulatory due date of August 31, 2017. Following federal regulations, MDOT applied trend lines to the 5-year rolling averages for the five performance measures (number of fatalities, number of serious injuries, fatality rate, serious injury rate, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries) to develop potential regional targets for the years from 2016 to 2020.
- The committee was asked to review the potential regional targets as well as the raw data provided by MDOT. A formal resolution to adopt the regional highway safety targets will be introduced in January for approval.
- BMC shared the Highway User Revenue and Capital Grant allocations for FY 2018 with the Committee. Also, MDOT is reevaluating the breakdown of the forecast previously provided to guide *Maximize2045*.
- Forecasting the HUR and capital grants out to 2045 at the FY 2018 funding levels would suggest \$3.5 to \$3.7 billion will be available to the region from these sources. If assumptions were to include funds from historical expenditures made on transportation budgets in each local Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that number would be significantly more.

- BMC reviewed the current criteria used to evaluate and rank candidate projects for the long-range transportation plan. These criteria underwent some fairly significant revisions during the development of the current plan, *Maximize2040*, to address more effectively regional issues related to accessibility and mobility. Members were asked to review the current evaluation criteria and to be prepared in the coming months to recommend either keeping them as is or revising them to address issues of concern to the region.
- It was suggested that the region's evaluation criteria be consistent with the state's Chapter 30 criteria which is now being rolled out.

6. MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING "A BETTER MARYLAND" STATE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING PROCESS

Mr. Chuck Boyd, Director of Planning Coordination at MDP, described the background of planning at the state level, dating back 60 years. The state plan is intended to promote the general welfare and prosperity of the state and will not supersede local planning. The plan will be focused on information sharing and resources. The objectives include supporting existing communities, coordinate state investment, and preserving a range of resources. Mr. Boyd also discussed what the plan will not be.

The Department is now engaging in interactive, collaborative listening sessions with jurisdictions and community stakeholders around the state. These sessions will continue through March 2018. Later next year data collection and analysis will begin with additional stakeholder outreach toward the end of 2018. A final product is due to the Governor in July 2019.

Ms. Sally Nash inquired about outreach directly to municipalities and Mr. Boyd indicated that is taking place. Mr. Steve Cohoon asked if information was available for jurisdictions to help promote listening sessions in their areas. Mr. Boyd stated that would be made available once dates of various meetings were settled.

[PowerPoint: State Development Plan: A Better Maryland, Handout: A Better Maryland]

7. ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL MASTER PLAN

Ms. Martha Arzu McIntosh, Project Manager, described the master plan as an approach for a balanced program of mobility investments that considers land use and demographic patterns along with performance, community values and is fiscally constrained. The master plan will be a compilation of strategic components recently completed, including: Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, Transit Development Plan, Corridor Growth Management Plan, Major Intersections and Important Facilities, and a Complete Streets Policy. This effort grows out of the 2009 General Development Plan and will be a component of the 2020 General Development Plan.

The County has selected a consultant (Sabra Wang) to undertake the master plan which will begin work in February 2018 and culminate in submittal to the County Council for review in January of 2019. Ms. McIntosh described various major facilities in the county including roadway, transit, bike and pedestrian. The presentation concluded with other considerations in the scope of the plan.

[PowerPoint: Anne Arundel County Transportation Master Plan]

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- Ms. Regina Aris shared news of a Special Solicitation by MTA for the Section 5310 Program which provides transportation services to senior citizens and persons with disabilities. A public announcement will be made Friday by MTA to initiate proposals for a competitive review for \$1,231,283 statewide. Proposals are open to all non-profits serving these populations and are due January 31, 2018. Due to a situation of lapsing funds, the BRTB will be asked for a recommendation to move eligible applications forward by February 12, 2018.

[Handout: Announcement from MTA and Application Schedule]

- Mr. Todd Lang reminded members that the January BRTB meeting will be in Annapolis on Friday, January 26 and will include the elected officials/state secretaries.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 A.M.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Robert Andrews, Harford Transit, Voting Transit Representative
Steve Cohoon, Queen Anne's County Department of Public Works
Greg Carski (for Emery Hines), Baltimore County, Department of Public Works
Laurie Brown (for Holly Arnold), Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), Capital Programming
Nokomis Ford (for Lynda Eisenberg) Carroll County Department of Planning
Clive Graham, Howard County, Office of Transportation
Tony McClune, Harford County, Department of Planning
Michelle Pourciau, Baltimore City Department of Transportation
Heather Murphy, Maryland Department of Transportation, OPCP
Sally Nash, City of Annapolis, Department of Planning
Ramond Robinson, Anne Arundel County, Department of Planning & Zoning
Bihui Xu, Maryland Department of Planning (MDP)

Staff and Guests

Regina Aris, Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)
Martha Arzu McIntosh, Anne Arundel County
Chuck Boyd, MDP
Tyson Byrne, MDOT
Ben Cohen, BWI Business Partnership
Kwaku Duah, City of Annapolis, Technical Committee Chair
Monica Haines-Benkhedda, BMC
Tafazda Gwitira, Vice Chair, Public Advisory Committee (PAC)

Don Halligan, BMC
Victor Henry, BMC
Todd Lang, BMC
Eric Norton, Chair, PAC
Rebecca Smith, BMC
Sara Tomlinson, BMC, Representing the Interagency Consultation Group

Respectfully submitted,

Todd R. Lang, Secretary
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board