

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 9, 2018

Due to poor weather the Executive Committee considered items by email.

MINUTES

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR JANUARY 26TH BRTB MEETING

A draft agenda was proposed for the January 26, 2018 BRTB meeting including two action items:

- Resolution #18-8 adopting five regional highway safety targets as required by federal transportation law. These targets have been developed in cooperation between the Maryland Highway Safety Office and the jurisdictional representatives of the BRTB. Tom Gianni, Chief of the Maryland Highway Safety Office will present on the Safety Targets.
- Resolution #18-9 endorsing a range of actions and procedures for improving the management of traffic incidents on the regions roadways. These measures were developed by the Traffic Incident Management for the Baltimore Region (TIMBR) which is a subcommittee of the BRTB. Howard County Police Chief Gary Gardner (tentative) will present on the recommended actions and procedures.

In addition, there are two informational items that were proposed for the meeting:

- Briefing by MDOT on the development of the 2040 Maryland Transportation Plan. The Maryland Transportation Plan (MTP) establishes a 20-year vision for transportation in the state and provides policy direction through statewide multimodal goals and objectives.
- Briefing by MdTA on the Chesapeake Bay Crossing Study: Tier 1 NEPA (Bay Crossing Study) that is a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study that will result in the identification of a preferred corridor alternative to address congestion at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and evaluation of its financial feasibility. The Bay Crossing Study will evaluate current and future traffic demand across the Chesapeake Bay.

The Executive Committee members were in agreement with the proposed agenda.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2018-2021 TIP

There were requests for four Administrative Modifications to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program that were all approved by the Executive Committee including:

- MTA - Small Urban Transit Systems – Operating Assistance: This administrative modification updates FTA Section 5307 funds in FY 2018 to reflect the difference between the estimated and actual budgetary needs of the grant sub-recipient. Funds increase in the amount of \$29,000 federal along with \$29,000 in matching funds. Total funding in the TIP increases from \$2.376 million to \$2.434 million. Operating assistance to small urban transit systems throughout the Baltimore region. Transit agencies eligible for funding include Carroll Transit System.
- MTA - Urban Transit Systems – Operating Assistance: This administrative modification updates FTA Section 5307 funds in FY 2018 to reflect the difference between the estimated and actual budgetary needs of the grant sub-recipient. Funds increase in the amount of \$329,000 federal along with \$329,000 in matching funds. Total funding in the TIP increases from \$10.376 million to \$11.034 million. Operating assistance to urban transit systems throughout the Aberdeen/Bel Air South/Bel Air North Urbanized Area. Transit agencies eligible for funding include Harford County Transportation Services. Costs generally associated with operating assistance can include utilities, miscellaneous equipment, fuel/oil, and driver, maintenance staff, and administrative salaries.
- MTA - Small Urban Transit Systems – Capital Assistance: This administrative modification updates FTA Section 5307 and 5339 funds in FY 2018. Section 5307 funds increase in the amount of \$58,000 federal along with \$14,000 in matching funds. These funds will be used for one small bus replacement, 18 replacement tablets, and preventive maintenance for the Carroll Transit System. Section 5339 funds increase in the amount of \$179,000 along with \$45,000 in matching funds. These funds will be used for two medium duty bus replacements in Anne Arundel County. Total funding in the TIP increases from \$2.343 million to \$2.639 million. Capital assistance to small urban transit systems throughout the region to purchase vehicles, equipment, and facilities. The Baltimore region small urban transit systems include Carroll Transit System and Anne Arundel County. FY18 awards to Carroll County include 6 vehicle replacements, 1 replacement bus, 18 replacement tablets, a transit hub study, and continued preventive maintenance. FY18 awards to Anne Arundel County include two replacement buses.
- Harford County - Robinson Mill Road Bridge #154 over Broad Creek: This administrative modification updates Surface Transportation Block Grant funds for the construction phase in FY 2018. The increase reflects updated construction and utility relocation costs due to the project being delayed for nearly three years. Funds increase in the amount of \$80,000 federal along with \$20,000 in matching funds. Total funding in the TIP increases from \$300,000 to \$400,000. This project is to replace the entire bridge that carries Robinson Mill Road over Broad Creek. The two-lane approach road on both ends of the bridge includes horizontal curves that restrict sight distance across the bridge. 3 foot shoulders planned on both sides of the road.

Members

Valorie LaCour – Baltimore City (by email) (Chair)

Lynda Eisenberg – Carroll County (by email) (Vice Chair)

Tyson Byrne – Maryland Department of Transportation (by email) (MDOT)

Staff and Guests

Todd Lang – Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) (by email)