

COOPERATIVE FORECASTING GROUP

February 28, 2018

Baltimore Metropolitan Council

10:00 A.M. to 11:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Robert Pipik, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:15 A. M.

1. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 2017 MINUTES

Following a round of introductions, Mr. Jeff Bronow moved the approval of the minutes of the December 20, 2017 meeting and Mr. Dan Rooney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. ROUND 9 – ANALYSIS OF SMALL AREA FORECASTS

Mr. Shawn Kimberly, BMC staff, presented a summary of the small area (TAZ) demographic forecasts submitted by CFG members. He conducted a series of checks on the dataset in early January; testing total population, household population, and average household size and compared Round 9 with Round 8B. He forwarded a list of his observations/findings to CFG members on January 29th for their comments/explanations. During the weeks that followed, CFG members either submitted revised Round 9 forecasts or provided expanded explanations of variances and methodologies.

Mr. Kimberly updated CFG members on what he had received to date and any subsequent revisions to Round 9. He distributed copies of the final Round 9 forecast and requested the committees' formal approval and submission, with travel demand model inputs, to the BMC modeling group. Once their work is complete, they will forward the Round 9 data set to the Technical Committee for review, approval and submission to the BRTB for endorsement.

The CFG formally moved and approved the Round 9 data set as presented.

[Handout: Round 9 Cooperative Forecasts - Baltimore Region – Population, Household and Employment Controls Draft - February 26, 2018]

3. CENSUS 2020 PLANNING EFFORTS

Mr. Pipik introduced U. S. Census Bureau representatives, Dr. Amitable Das, Partnership Specialist, and Mr. Randy Gonzalez, Geographic Specialist, to discuss planning efforts for the 2020 Census. Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation and several handouts, Dr. Das presented a detailed outline of Census 2020 preparations, the Local Update of Census Addresses operation and other programs designed by the

Census Bureau to insure a complete count. A broad range of census related questions followed and Dr. Das provided answers, directions, schedules and contacts.

[PowerPoint: 2020 Census - Approach to Operational Design]

4. COHORT COMPONENT MODEL

As follow-up to a request from Mr. Bronow, Mr. Charles Baber prepared “Tree Maps” comparing Howard County jobs by industry classification in 2006 and 2016. The “Tree Maps” were a jurisdiction level version of the “Tree Maps” he distributed at the December meeting, which mapped the entire Baltimore MSA. Mr. Bronow explained his desire to review a graphic picture of the job growth/decline by type over the ten-year period (components of change over time). Additionally, he wanted to compare the Howard County and MSA “Tree Maps” for a visual comparison of the strength of county job growth by sector relative to the MSA.

In reply to queries about the future of retail jobs in the region, Mr. Greg Goodwin noted that Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) recently established a Cooperative Forecasting Group Subcommittee to explore/investigate the retail job sector, from a transportation-modeling standpoint. After a discussion of the size of job sectors identified in the MSA/Howard County maps, CFG members requested “Tree Maps” for their jurisdictions.

[Handout: Every Job in the Baltimore MSA 2006, Every Job in the Baltimore MSA 2016, Every Job in Howard County 2006, Every Job in the Howard County 2016].

5. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kimberly invited CFG members to attend the up-coming Mid-Atlantic Planning Roundtable. The conference, currently in the planning phase, is scheduled for June 19th, 9 am to 3 pm, at the University of Baltimore Business Center. The BMC, WILMACO, MDP, DVRPC and MWCOG are organizing/sponsoring this event. Topics include commercial real estate, demographics and employment, mega-regions, economic drivers, and MPO coordination.

Mr. Pipik announced that he is leaving the Planning Department to accept a new position at the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development. Mr. Jamie Williams will replace him as the Baltimore City CFG representative. CFG members thanked him for his work with the CFG and wished him well in his new position.

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ATTENDANCE

Members

Krishna Akundi - Maryland Department of Planning
Jeff Bronow - Howard County Department of Planning
Steve Cohoon - Queen Anne’s County Department of Public Works
Chris Davis – Baltimore County Department of Planning

Rick Fisher – Anne Arundel County Department of Planning
Greg Goodwin – Metropolitan Washington COG
Robert Pipik - Baltimore City Department of Planning
Dan Rooney – Harford County Department of Planning
Arco Sen – Carroll County Department of Planning
Alfred Sundara – Maryland Department of Planning
Kui Zhao - Baltimore County Department of Planning
Jamie Williams - Baltimore City Department of Planning
Margret Kaii-Ziegler – Anne Arundel County Department of Planning

Staff & Guests

Charles Baber - Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)
Victor Bonaparte - BMC
Dr. Amitabha Das – U.S. Census Bureau
Blake Fisher - BMC
Randy Gonzalez – U.S. Census Bureau
Mara Kaminowitz - BMC
Shawn Kimberly - BMC