

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 4, 2018
Baltimore Metropolitan Council
5:35 to 7:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Eric Norton called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. MAXIMIZE2045 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Mr. Todd Lang provided members with a status update on the process for developing *Maximize2045: A Performance-Based Transportation Plan*, along with details on how staff is working with the BRTB to develop performance measures for the plan. Mr. Lang began by detailing how the current plan, *Maximize2040*, approved in 2015, addressed performance measures. Since that time, FHWA and FTA have published additional regulations and guidance.

For *Maximize2045*, the BRTB needs to 1) set measures and targets, and 2) coordinate with MDOT by either adopting the [states measures and targets](#) or set regional measures and targets. The BRTB also needs to consider how to incorporate measures and targets into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and apply these to all TIPs and TIP amendments adopted after May 20, 2019.

Mr. Lang went on to share some highlights of various performance measures and answer PAC member questions. He noted that MDOT has been presenting statewide targets for performance measures to the Technical Committee as targets are proposed. In addition, there is a federal due date of May 20, 2018 for two highway system performance targets related to the CMAQ program (Baltimore urbanized area) and a November 16, 2018 due date for highway system condition and for remaining highway system performance targets. Mr. Norton noted that the PAC will review these and potentially offer some performance measures related to equity.

[Presentation: [Maximize2045 Performance Measures](#)]

2. UPDATE TO BRTB PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Ms. Monica Haines Benkhedda shared highlights of proposed changes to the BRTB's Public Participation Plan (PPP), which primarily focuses on updates to the "interested parties" list to meet current regulations, as well as a proposed policy change for amendments to TIP and Long-Range Transportation Plan. The BRTB is set to release a draft PPP for a 45-day public review period on April 10 and invites the PAC to submit comments on the PPP in May or June.

3. SUBCOMMITTEES REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

- **Every Voice Counts Transportation Academy** – Ms. Haines Benkhedda reported the ad-hoc committee has continued to meet to implement the PAC sponsored Leadership Academy event plan, based on the [USDOT Everyplace Counts Leadership Academy](#).

On Saturday, May 5 at Impact Hub, Every Voice Counts will bring together 75-100 residents, community leaders, and non-traditionally engaged participants for a daylong workshop where they will learn, in plain language, about the transportation decision-making process and how to be better engaged in the decision-making process by knowing who to contact and when.

Sponsors are needed for the event in order to fund items such as printing transportation toolkits for community leaders; serve healthy food for participants; and provide childcare to ensure those with children can attend. Partnering organizations are also invited to share information at the end of the day. Forms for [Every Voice Counts Sponsors](#) and [Partners](#) are online. Ms. Haines Benkhedda asked members to reach out to potential sponsors and partners in their networks.

- **Public Involvement** – Mr. Paul Kowzan, Subcommittee Chair, reported that the Subcommittee met on March 28 in Owings Mills to support work on recruiting participants for the Every Voice Counts Transportation Academy. The Subcommittee will focus on this activity in April and then in May turn its attention to the draft BRTB Public Participation Plan.
- **Policy and Legislation** – Mr. William Cowan reported the Subcommittee reviewed the [BRTB's proposed updated Budget & Work Program for Fiscal Year 2019](#), otherwise known as the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP lists the transportation studies and tasks to be performed by the MPO staff or a member agency during the coming fiscal year.

Mr. Cowan shared highlights of the Subcommittees review of the various subarea funding projects. The PAC voted as follows:

- **Parole Town Center Master Plan** – The PAC recommends combining the third and fourth objectives by stating “Identifying and integrating methods to decrease through-trips in the Parole Town Center by studying alternate connections to US 50 and I-97 from the proposed transportation facility and by implementing facilities that support the Complete Streets policy.”
- **Feasibility Study for Additional Ramps along MD 100** – The PAC recommends that \$40,000 be removed from this study and used to create a new project entitled “Implementation of RTA Transit Development Plan” Both Anne Arundel County and Howard County committed funds as part of the FY 2018 UPWP to create an update to the TDP. As the RTA is a regional transit network and Howard County has requested funding for implementation in FY 2019, it is requested that Anne Arundel County also request similar funding.

The PAC supported all other subarea projects as presented. The vote on the FY 2019 UPWP will be at the BRTB meeting on April 24, 2018.

[Handout: PAC Resolution #2018-02 with comments on FY2019 Unified Planning Work Program]

- **Equity** – The Equity Subcommittee will work this month to recruit participants for the Every Voice Counts Transportation Academy. Mr. Lang asked that the subcommittee work with staff to finalize the equity briefing papers to provide additional information to the BRTB members about the examples cited in the PAC’s [policy statement on equity to guide BRTB plans and programs](#). Mr. Norton agreed to work with the Equity subcommittee Chair to schedule a time for the committee to work on these.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The PAC approved the [March 2018](#) minutes.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Norton reported that he presented the PAC’s comments on TIP/Maximize2040 amendments at the March 27 BRTB meeting. Regarding BRTB Resolution #18-12 for the US 40 bridge replacements over the Little and Big Gunpowder Falls, Mr. Clive Graham (Howard County) asked if the BRTB could amend the resolution based on comments from the PAC and the public regarding the addition of separated bicycle and pedestrian facilities to the US 40 bridge replacement project. The BRTB voted to approve an amended resolution stating that based on comments from the public and the Public Advisory Committee, it is recommended that if barrier separated bicycle and pedestrian accommodations can be made on the US 40 bridges over the Big and Little Gunpowder Rivers, within the framework of the AASHTO guidelines, the BRTB supports those accommodations.

Mr. Lang shared highlights of a potential new amendment to regional plans for a transportation service called a Loop that would run between Washington, D.C. and Baltimore City. The project is an initiative of Elon Musk, the founder of Tesla and Space-X. Staff are working with MDOT and federal agencies to determine the BRTB’s role in the project. The PAC will be notified if the project will come through the BRTB as an amendment.

Members and staff made the following announcement:

- **[Transportation 101](#)** – Mr. Norton announced that the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance has a call for applicants for their third Transportation 101 course. CMTA has designed the 7-week tuition free series to help anyone who has a passion for improving transportation in her or his community deepen their knowledge, build a network of contacts, and develop advocacy skills. CMTA is accepting applications through April 5, 2018.
- **Bike to Work Day** – Registration is now open for Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 18. Visit www.Bike2WorkCentralMD.com for events and registration.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Chris Costello – Transportation Association of Maryland

William Cowan – South Baltimore Neighborhood Association

Proxy Designated by: M. Lotz

Michael Davis – Resident, Carroll County

Proxy Designated by: M. Bishop

Yvette Hicks – Resident, Baltimore County

Mark Howard – Resident, Baltimore County

Paul Kowzan III – Broadway Area Business Association

Dick Ladd – Resident, Anne Arundel County

Eric Norton – Central Maryland Transportation Alliance

Proxy Designated by: T. Gwitira, Jed Weeks

Karen Olsen – Resident, Baltimore County

Arthur Petersen – Resident, Baltimore City

Sharon Smith – Partners In Care

Zack Vacovsky – Resident, Baltimore City

Paul Verchinski – Howard County Citizens Association

Daniel Yi – Resident, Howard County

Staff and Guests

Monica B. Haines Benkhedda – Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)

Todd Lang – BMC

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING AN ADDENDUM TO THE
FY 2018-2019 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)
BY THE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) OF THE BRTB**

WHEREAS, the BRTB, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region responsible for transportation planning and policy making for the Baltimore region; and

WHEREAS, the PAC serves as an advisory body to the BRTB, charged with providing independent, region oriented citizen advice to the BRTB on issues related to the development of the Baltimore Regional Transportation Plan, Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and amendments that affect the region's conformity with federal air quality requirements, the public involvement process, regionally significant land use issues, and other regional transportation-related issues, as appropriate, promotes public awareness and participation in the regional transportation planning process and promotes equity in the regional transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the PAC has reviewed and discussed the Addendum to the FY 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for transportation planning;

THEREFORE, be it resolved, the PAC submits the following recommendations and comments:

- **Parole Town Center Master Plan** – The PAC recommends combining the third and fourth objectives by stating “Identifying and integrating methods to decrease through-trips in the Parole Town Center by studying alternate connections to US 50 and I-97 from the proposed transportation facility and by implementing facilities that support the Complete Streets policy.”
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- **Equity planning for Targeted Transportation Options** – The PAC supports this project as presented.
- **Columbia Gateway Transportation Improvement Strategy** – The PAC supports this project as presented.
- **Regional Mobile Application Fare Payment System** – The PAC supports this project as presented.
- **Implementation of RTA Transit Development Plan** – The PAC supports this project as presented.
- **Kent Island Phase 2: Cox Creek Connector Road** – The PAC supports this project as presented.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the PAC thanks the BRTB for this opportunity to participate by sharing comments on these amendments. The PAC thanks the BRTB staff for facilitating its participation.

Submitted by:

Eric Norton, Chair, BRTB Public Advisory Committee