

## **BALTIMORE REGIONAL SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE**

Thursday, February 20, 2018

Baltimore Metropolitan Council  
1500 Whetstone Way, Baltimore

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Bala Akundi (BMC) welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Safety Subcommittee since November 2016. He noted that there was not a pressing need for the committee to meet in 2017 – mainly because of staff and regional partners playing an active role on the Maryland Strategic Highway Safety Plan implementation and emphasis area teams.

The Subcommittee members recognized Battalion Chief Jennifer Aubert-Utz for her role as chair from September 2014 to December 2016 and taking an active role in promoting safety in Baltimore County and the region.

#### **2. 2016 – 2020 STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN**

Mr. Mike Sabol, Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO), provided an update on the SHSP and state-of-the-state of fatalities and serious injuries. The MHSO's safety programs are guided by the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) with the overarching goal of halving fatalities in Maryland by 2030 (475 by 2015 and 296 by 2030).

The 2016-2020 SHSP was approved by FHWA on March 16, 2016. The overarching goal is Toward Zero Deaths with specific targets for 2020 – number of fatalities (387), fatality rate (0.69), serious injuries (2,939), and serious injury rate (5.21). In 2017, MHSO worked with state partners to establish five required performance measures under the HSP by July 1 and HSIP by August 31. A partners meeting was held last October at the Maritime Institute to brief everyone on these measures and progress on the SHSP. MHSO also held a local SHSP workshop in November here at BMC to encourage all jurisdictions in the state to develop and implement local plans. Some jurisdictions such as Prince George's County and Montgomery County have already developed local plans and are now working on getting them approved by local governing bodies.

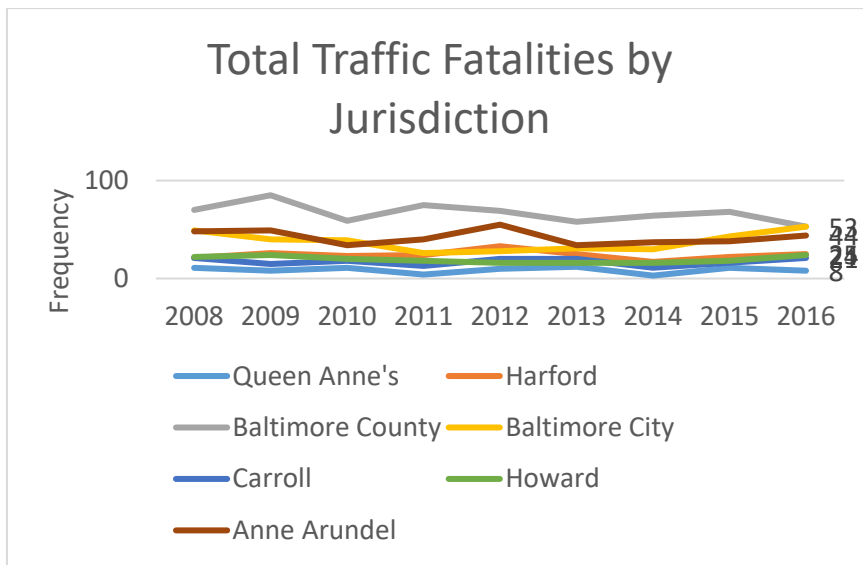
Mr. Sabol also informed committee members that MHSO is bringing on Cambridge Systematics to evaluate the current SHSP process and make any changes/recommendations as the teams get ready

to work on the next 5-year plan. Finally, he informed everyone to look out for the April 24 safety summit announcement and encouraged everyone to attend.

### 3. REGIONAL CRASH DATA AND TARGETS

Mr. Doug Mowbray, Traffic Records Program Manager, MHSO, and Ms. Cindy Burch, Senior Epidemiologist, National Study Center, provided data trends for the region for the five measures required under the FAST Act – fatalities, fatality rate, serious injuries, serious injury rate, and non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries from 2008 to 2016.

In 2016, Baltimore County and Baltimore City lead the region with 53 fatalities each, followed by Anne Arundel County at 44. Almost all jurisdictions, with the exception of Baltimore and Queen Anne’s, saw an increase in the number of fatalities from 2015.



**[Handout: BRTB 2018 Data Trends]**

### 4. REGIONAL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CAMPAIGN

MHSO would like to reengage the Safety Committee and its members with the Street Smart campaign that this group was heavily involved in between 2009 - 2014. There was a review of current campaigns by SHA (Look Up, Look Out), MWCOG (Life is fragile) and Baltimore City DOT (Don't be that person) and how the region can use these in creating a coordinated message for a fall campaign.

After brief updates from Ms. Betty Smoot, Ms. Lora Rakowski, and Mr. Michael Farrell, the Committee discussed at length and agreed to adopt SHA's Look Up, Look Out campaign as the overarching theme and incorporate local elements such as Baltimore City's "Don't be that person" campaign for more targeted application in the city. Baltimore City DOT is aiming for an April 18 launch of their campaign and MHSO and SHA will work with their contractor on coordinating resources for a media event and public education and outreach across the region. BMC can help with promoting the message on social media and through other outreach channels. The Committee will convene again in early summer to identify corridors and locations for street team and media deployment.

**[Handout: MWCOG Streetsmart]**

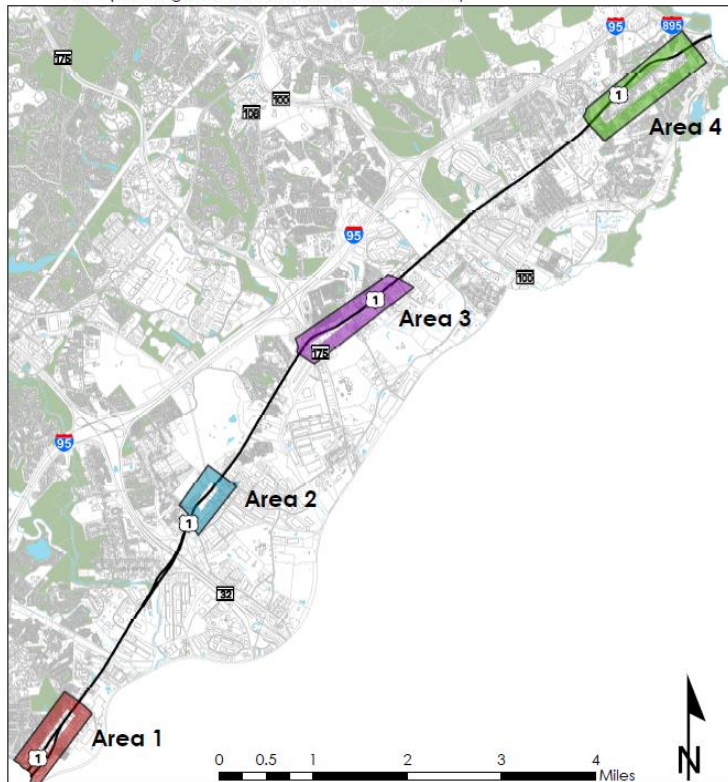
## 5. US 1 SAFETY EVALUATION ON BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Mr. Chris Eatough, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator for Howard County, provided an update on a FY 2018 UPWP funded study along the 10.9-mile section of US 1 from Elkridge to North Laurel. In 2016 this corridor experienced 257 total crashes of which 161 resulted in property damage, 92 injuries, and 4 fatal crashes with 5 pedestrian fatalities.

The corridor was divided into four focus areas based on roadway and traffic characteristics as shown in the figure below. Using input from a broad range of stakeholders including public feedback, the team developed a range of issues and proposed solutions for each of the focus area segments. The team is working on finalizing the toolbox with a draft report completed by early summer.

### US 1 Safety Evaluation Focus Areas

-  Focus Area 1: City of Laurel/Howard County Line to Whiskey Bottom Rd
-  Focus Area 2: Guilford Rd to Patuxent Range Rd
-  Focus Area 3: Crestmount Rd/Assateague Dr to Cemetery Ln
-  Focus Area 4: Greenfield Rd to Levering Ave
-  US 1 (Washington Boulevard/North Second Street)



**[Handout: US 1 safety evaluation]**

***Attendance***

Chief Jennifer Utz, Baltimore County Fire Department (Chair)  
Cindy Burch, National Study Center (NSC)  
Tim Cooke, Maryland Highway Safety Office (MDOT/MVA/MHSO)  
Jeff Dunckel, MDOT/MVA/MHSO  
Chris Eatough, Howard County Department of Planning  
Mike Farrell, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG)  
Breck Jeffers, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)  
Tim Kerns, University of Maryland (UMD-NSC)  
Dustin Kuzan, Tindale Oliver  
Chris Letnaunchyn, Carroll County Department of Public Works  
Doug Mowbray, MDOT/MVA/MHSO  
Kris Nebre, Baltimore County Department of Public Works  
Walter Phillips, State Highway Administration (SHA) - District 4 Traffic  
Lora Rakowski, SHA  
Betty Smoot, Baltimore City Department of Transportation  
Mike Sabol, MDOT/MVA/MHSO  
Kevin Saldanha, Prime AE  
Nanette Schieke, MDOT/MVA/MHSO  
Karen Wieland, Integrated Designs  
Ida Williams, Maryland State Police (MSP)

***Staff & Guests***

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Russ Ulrich, BMC