

## **BALTIMORE REGIONAL SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE**

September 18, 2018

Baltimore Metropolitan Council  
1500 Whetstone Way, Baltimore, MD 21230

### **MINUTES**

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

Mr. Bala Akundi, BMC, welcomed everyone to the third meeting of the Safety Subcommittee in 2018. The committee is now gearing up to tackle two major projects – local SHSP development and the regional bicycle and pedestrian safety campaign. Mr. Akundi asked for volunteers to serve as a new chair and vice chair.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES**

There were no comments/changes to the minutes from the May meeting.

#### **3. 2016 – 2020 STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN**

Ms. Christina Utz, Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO), reported that the plan is to have the next Safety Summit in Spring 2019. Also, there is a Pedestrian-Bicycle Emphasis Area Team (P-BEAT) meeting on September 26. The Occupant Protection/Distracted Driving Emphasis Area Team (EAT) meeting was last week, as was the Aggressive Driving EAT meeting. The last Impaired Driving EAT meeting occurred over the summer and there are plans to have the next one in November.

#### **4. US 1 SAFETY EVALUATION ON BICYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

Mr. Christopher Eatough, Howard County Office of Transportation, presented the draft final report of this study which was released on September 18, 2018. Mr. Breck Jeffers, Federal Highway Administration, inquired about the estimated cost to implement the recommendations, which will be \$1-2 million for all five projects. Mr. Doug Mowbray, MHSO, asked about an evaluation plan, to which Mr. Eatough explained that crash incidence will be the metric used. There may be some pedestrian count studies as well. Mr. Akundi offered

support for conducting pedestrian counts. Mr. Jeff Dunckel, MHSO, asked about the consultant cost to conduct this study, which was estimated at \$100,000 through a grant from the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board. An additional 0.25 FTE County position was also part of the team. The US 1 corridor may be a possible location for the launch of the Spring 2019 pedestrian/bicycle safety campaign. Mr. Jeffers wondered if this type of evaluation could be done by other jurisdictions or by MDOT SHA.

***[PowerPoint: US 1 Safety Evaluation, Appendix 1 Concept Drawings]***

## **5. REGIONAL STREETSMART SAFETY CAMPAIGN**

Fall 2018 Campaign - Ms. Denise Worsley, Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT), shared the current draft of creative for the Fall 2018 StreetSmart campaign for Baltimore City and the region. Ms. Regina Aris, BMC, asked about incorporating scooter riders into the campaign (Lime, Bird). Ms. Worsley explained that there are creative materials related to scooters, but it will primarily be used in Baltimore City but may be used throughout the region if other jurisdictions are interested.

***[PowerPoint: MD-Baltimore Pedestrian & Bike Safety]***

Spring 2019 Campaign - Mr. Akundi explained that the BMC has received a grant from the MHSO to develop new creative for a Spring 2019 pedestrian and bicycle education and outreach campaign. The RFP went out and is due September 28, 2018 with the goal to have a Baltimore region-centric campaign.

Mr. Dunckel explained a current project with the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), getting their creative arts graduate students to develop and evaluate materials related to pedestrian and bicycle safety.

## **6. LOCAL SHSP DEVELOPMENT**

Sgt. Michael Lane, Harford County Sheriff's Office, shared the Harford County Traffic Safety Advisory Board approach to updating their prior SHSP from 2013. That included convening the County Traffic Safety Advisory Board to review current crash trends and the statewide SHSP. The group was multidisciplinary and determined that Harford County aligned with the State plan, so the local SHSP was constructed with the same six Emphasis Areas but strategies and action steps specific to the county.

***[Handout: Harford County Traffic Safety Plan]***

Ms. Burch, BMC, explained her new role and plans for the next year in supporting development of SHSPs in the local jurisdictions. She will work directly with each of the seven BMC jurisdictions to develop, implement, and evaluate data-driven strategic plans for traffic safety.

***[PowerPoint: Local SHSP]***

## **7. MEMBER REPORTS**

Mr. Richard Johnson, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, reported that a Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Summit is being arranged by FMCSA on October 20, 2018 at the Maritime Institute from 8am-Noon.

Mr. Dave Ennis, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, told the group about a Drugged Driving Summit that was held September 17, 2018. Key speakers included US Attorney General Jeff Sessions, US Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao, Acting Administrator of NHTSA Heidi King, and other federal, regional, state, and local partners. Mr. Mowbray asked if the proceedings were recorded and Mr. Ennis said they should be posted in the near future on the NHTSA website.

Ms. Nanette Schieke, Motor Vehicle Administration, informed the committee about the Maryland Older Driver Safety Forum group. She also reported that MDOT-MVA supports the CarFit program sponsored by the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA), AARP, and the American Automobile Association (AAA).

Mr. Dunckel told the group that a Pedestrian Fatality Review Team is about to begin with the National Study Center.

Ms. Mikah Zaslou, Baltimore City DOT, reported that the City Council is reviewing a bill to reduce the speed limit to no more than 25 mph. Ms. Zaslou also talked about the Complete Streets program.

Mr. Mowbray explained the local SHSP workshops that are coming up in Western Maryland on September 20, 2018 in Hagerstown and on the Eastern Shore on September 26, 2018 in Salisbury.

### ***Attendance***

Tanya Asman, Anne Arundel County Department of Transportation (DOT)

Kim Auman, National Study Center for Trauma & EMS (NSC)

Pam Beer, Cambridge Systematics

Jennifer Biddle, Howard County Department of Public Works (DPW)

Allie Chavez, NSC

David Cookson, Howard County Office of Transportation (OoT)

Jeff Dunckel, Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO)

Chris Eatough, Howard County OoT

Dave Ennis, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Nestor Flores, Anne Arundel County DPW

Breck Jeffers, Federal Highway Administration, Maryland Division

Debbie Jennings, Chesapeake Region Safety Council

Richard Johnson, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

Tim Kerns, NSC

Bari Klein, Harford County Health Department

Dan Knopp, NSC

Sgt. Michael Lane, Harford County Sheriff's Office

Ernie Lehr, MHSO

Christopher Letnaunchyn, Carroll County DPW

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Doug Mowbray, MHSO  
Kristoffer Nebre, Baltimore County DPW  
Walter Phillips, State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA)  
Nanette Schieke, Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA)  
Kay Underwood, MDOT SHA  
Christina Utz, MHSO  
Karen Wieland, Integrated Designs Corp.  
Denise Worsley, Baltimore City DOT  
Mikah Zaslou, Baltimore City DOT

***Staff & Guests***

Bala Akundi - Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)  
Regina Aris, BMC  
Cindy Burch, BMC  
Russ Ulrich, BMC