

BALTIMORE REGIONAL SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, September 22, 2022
10:00 to 11:45 A.M.
Virtual meeting

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Officer Lori Hippensteel, Baltimore County Police Department (BCoPD), called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MAY 2022 MINUTES

Ofc. Hippensteel asked for any comments or changes to the minutes from the May 26, 2022 Baltimore Regional Safety Subcommittee meeting. Receiving none, the minutes were accepted into the record.

3. STATE SAFETY UPDATES

Ms. Myra Wieman, Deputy Director of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Motor Vehicle Administration's (MVA) Highway Safety Office (MHSO), shared information about new legislation that will take effect on October 1, 2022. Ms. Anna Levendusky, MHSO, then shared upcoming safety campaign materials for the expanded Move Over Law, the updated Child Passenger Safety Law, and school bus safety.

[PowerPoint: Maryland's New Traffic Safety Laws]

Dr. Jay Zheng, (MDOT) State Highway Administration (SHA), provided an update on the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) local funding. He shared decisions are being finalized and awardees should be contacted in October 2022.

4. FEDERAL PARTNER UPDATES

Mr. Breck Jeffers, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), shared a series of safety resources and initiatives. He reviewed the most recent set of Proven Safety Countermeasures and discussed the confluence of those measures with HSIP and Safe Streets and Roads For All funding opportunities.

[PowerPoint: FHWA-Safety-Countermeasures]

5. LOOK ALIVE

Ms. Kenna Williams Swift, Sherry Matthews Group, provided an update on the Look Alive campaign and shared the new creative materials. She provided evaluation metrics, upcoming events, and other details. She also shared new video spots for social media, some with a focus on making drivers more aware and safer around pedestrians and bicyclists.

[PowerPoint: Look Alive Pedestrian And Bicycle Safety Outreach Campaign]

6. 2021 CRASH DATA UPDATE

Ms. Cindy Burch, Baltimore Metropolitan Council, briefly shared a crash data summary with 2021 information. That year of crash data was recently made available and is being used for local and regional planning. She noted the increases in fatalities and injuries from 2019 to 2020 and subsequent declines in 2021, which were seen at the state and region levels. While distracted fatalities decreased in the region in 2021, there was a small increase statewide; the opposite was found in impaired driving and pedestrian-involved crashes with the region having more fatalities in 2021 while the state saw a decrease. Further information may be found at <https://zerodeathsmd.gov/resources/crashdata/>.

[PowerPoint: Crash-Summary-2021]

7. BALTIMORE COUNTY YOUNG DRIVERS SAFETY DAY

Ofc. Hippensteel shared information about an upcoming safety event in Baltimore County. The Young Drivers Safety Day will be October 1, 2022 at the George W. Carver Center of Art and Technology in Towson. It will be an outdoor event with many stations for young drivers to visit, including a rollover simulator, and the event will begin with a mock crash presentation.

[Image: Baltimore County Young Drivers Safety Day]

8. LOCAL STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANS (SHSP)

Ms. Burch shared an update of the Local SHSPs in the region:

- Anne Arundel County's Vision Zero plan has executive endorsement and will begin implementation.
- Baltimore City's plan is being implemented and is being used to pursue funding.
- Baltimore County has focused on working together for the Young Drivers Safety Day and will meet again in about a month.
- Carroll County has executive endorsement and will begin implementation.
- Harford County continues to implement the SHSP through the Traffic Safety Advisory Board.
- Howard County reconvened the steering committee and is creating reporting processes and ongoing activities among partners.
- Queen Anne's County is developing an SHSP and will convene a summit of local partners to identify strategies and action steps in early October.

9. OTHER/NEW BUSINES

Ms. Burch explained the Safe System Approach (SSA) project consultant will be Burgess & Niple, led by Ms. Nicole Waldheim. She reminded the committee that this project will focus on identifying ways the SSA may be implemented at the local level. Three SHSP teams will be invited to provide information for developing SSA guidelines and a report is anticipated by the end of FY 2023.

Ms. Burch noted the dates of the remaining meeting in 2022 and planned dates for 2023.

No other discussion was had and Ofc. Hippensteel adjourned the meeting at 11:45 A.M.

Next Meeting – December 15, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Attendance:

Tanya Asman – Anne Arundel County Office of Transportation
Jessie Bialek - Baltimore County Dept. of Public Works and Transportation (BCo DPW&T)
Jennifer Biddle – Howard County Department of Public Works
Summer Bowman – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)
Angelica Daniel – BCo DPW&T
Michael Farrell – National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB)
Matthew Hendrickson – Baltimore City Department of Transportation
Lori Hippensteel – Baltimore County Police Department
Breck Jeffers – Federal Highway Administration
Debbie Jennings – Chesapeake Region Safety Council
Tim Kerns – Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Motor Vehicle Administration's (MVA) Highway Safety Office (MHSO)
Erin Kuhn – MDOT State Highway Administration (SHA)
Julie Kwedar – MHSO
Chris Letnaunchyn – Carroll County Department of Public Works
Anna Levendusky – MHSO
Barry List – MDOT SHA
Peter Moe – MDOT MVA
Doug Mowbray – MHSO
Janie Nham - TPB
Walter Phillips – MDOT SHA
Michael Scepaniak – public participant
Cynthia Spriggs – MHSO

Kenna Williams Swift – Sherry Matthews Group
Nicole Waldheim – Burgess & Niple
Myra Wieman – MHSO
Jay Zheng – MDOT SHA

Staff:

Bala Akundi – Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)
Regina Aris – BMC

Cindy Burch – BMC
Charlene Mingus – BMC