

## CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS (CMP) COMMITTEE

February 1, 2022  
10:15 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

### MINUTES

#### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Eileen Singleton opened the meeting; attendees introduced themselves.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2, 2021 MEETING

There were no comments on the minutes; the minutes were approved.

#### 3. MEETING OBJECTIVE

The objectives of the meeting are:

- Provide an overview of updates to the Online CMP Tool
- Discuss cross-jurisdictional priorities that may be included in 2022 priority letters
- Present Using regional CMP documents

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#### 4. UPDATES ON ONLINE CMP TOOL

Mr. Ed Stylc provided an update on new data available in the Online CMP Tool. He noted that 2018 is the baseline year and that data is available in the Tool. Data for 2019 was recently added, and data for 2020 will be added soon.

The layers currently available in the Tool are:

- Bottleneck Locations
- Average Morning Speeds (AM Peak)
- Average Afternoon Speeds (PM Peak)
- Travel Time Index
- Planning Time Index
- Interstate and Non-Interstate Travel Time Reliability

- Truck Travel Time Reliability
- Priority Letter Projects
- TIP Projects (Transportation Improvement Program)
- Long Range Plan Projects
- Congested Roads – Existing and Committed Projects

There was an issue with how road segments were named in RITIS, which carried over into our tool. This was corrected in RITIS, and our data has been updated.

There were several questions about whether additional functionality could be added to the Online CMP Tool:

- Is it possible to see the progression over time for a given type of data (i.e., can a user see how “Travel Time Index” changes over time from 2018 to 2019 to 2020)?
  - Not sure but will look into this.
- Can we drill down to see specific roads?
  - Users can zoom in on the map. If other data is needed, contact Mr. Stylc to request assistance, he may be able to provide customized data to you.
- There was a request for a robust search tool.
  - The functionality of the Online CMP Tool might not enable this but the GIS team can look into it.

Mr. Brian Ulrich said that he has used the RITIS Probe Data Analytics tool to identify bottlenecks on non-freeways and on county roads. He suggested other jurisdictions may be interested in doing something similar; Mr. Stylc said he could assist jurisdictions with this if desired. Also, the quarterly bottleneck reports that Mr. Stylc prepares will have some jurisdiction-specific data.

Ms. Singleton noted that she would like to get feedback from committee members on the following [questions](#), using an online survey platform:

- Have you used or do you plan to use the online CMP tool to support priority letter development?
- If you used the online CMP tool, what data did you find helpful?
- What other data would be useful to include in the online CMP tool?

Ms. Singleton showed the CMP objectives and performance metrics developed previously as part of the CMP consultant project and provided links to two of the documents:

- [Proposed Performance Metrics and Data Collection & Management Plan](#)
  - Presents objectives and performance metrics for each objective
- [Development of a Process to Analyze Areas of Congestion and Associated Mobility Issues](#)
  - Provides details about how to calculate performance metrics.
  - She also noted the following performance metrics are currently available on the Online CMP Tool:
    - Travel Time Index
    - Level of Travel Time Reliability

- Truck Travel Time Reliability
- She asked which other metrics are of most interest to the committee to add to the Online CMP Tool.

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**5. STATUS OF 2022 PRIORITY LETTERS**

MDOT posts jurisdiction [priority letters](#) online going back several years. Ms. Singleton asked two more [survey questions](#) related to priority letters:

- Will your jurisdiction priority letter include the regional text?
- List interjurisdictional corridors that have been identified (preliminarily or finalized).

She then asked attendees to provide updates on their priority letters.

Queen Anne's County

- Having discussions with Anne Arundel County about projects to address congestion on and around the Bay Bridge; looking at joint resolutions and developing joint text.
  - One priority is to have the Bay Bridge crossing project proceed to Tier 2, which is the next step in project development.
- Letter will also include several smaller improvements as priorities.
- Plan to use the CMP Tool.
- Plan to use the regional priority letter text.

Howard County

- Held a public input meeting last week on priority letter.
- Plan to include most of the regional text and interjurisdictional corridors.
- Highest priority regional corridor is US 29 into Montgomery County.

Harford County

- Plan to include regional text.
- Focusing on projects that have been included in past priority letters and getting them moving.
- Consider using Online CMP Tool to engage people, provide a way to visualize data.
- Work on the priority letter is moving quickly.

Carroll County

- Taking the proposed priority letter to Carroll County Board on Thursday (2/3/22).
- The proposed priority letter will include the proposed language for the Board's consideration
- Do not anticipate any major changes to priorities from past letters.

Anne Arundel County

- Currently finalizing draft of priority letter.
- Including regional text, could be edited later but it is included now.

- The Bay Bridge is the only interjurisdictional roadway corridor project at this point.
- Adding some bike connections to Harbor Hospital so coordinating with Baltimore City and coordinating on transit oriented development projects with Howard County.

### Annapolis

- Annapolis does not prepare a separate priority letter, the city works with Anne Arundel County.

The state is still waiting for final appropriations for FY 2023, which could have an impact.

Question: Would MDOT consider using the Online CMP Tool during the tour meeting to help engage people? That will be considered.

Suggestion of moving the project layers to the top of the layer list in the Online CMP Tool. MDOT has a [project portal](#) that tracks its projects.

Queen Anne's County priority letter will highlighting the various documents in which the same priority projects are listed, including the UPWP, CTP, Highway Needs Inventory, Kent Island Transportation Plan, Chapter 30, to show the same projects are priorities across all planning documents. There is a suggestion to consider putting all of these on a map.

There was a suggestion to add the Chapter 30 projects to the Online CMP Tool; would need to ask SHA about if a GIS layer exists for this data.

Committee members may find useful information on the [CHART web page](#).

There is also a link to the new MDOT SHA [Office of Transportation Mobility and Operations](#) (OTMO).

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## **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

Corridor Study RFP: Mr. Victor Henry is developing the RFP now, a draft is likely to go to the Technical Committee at its next meeting. The studies will use the Corridor Study Template developed during the CMP consultant study. The RFP will not specify corridors.

CMP Committee Chair: Position is available. Let Ms. Singleton know if you are interested.

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**Next Meeting** – June 7, 2022

## **ATTENDEES**

### ***Members***

Kwame Arhin, Federal Highway Administration

Kwaku Agyemang-Duah, City of Annapolis

Ken Choi, Maryland Department of Planning

Steve Cohoon, Queen Anne's County Department of Public Works

David Cookson, Howard Co Department of Planning & Zoning

Angelica Daniel, Baltimore County Department of Public Works & Transportation  
Joshua Drucker, Regional Transportation Agency  
Joel A Gallihue, Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning  
Sarah Gary, MDOT State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA)  
Daniel Janousek, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Erin Kuhn, MDOT SHA  
Mary Lane, Carroll County Department of Planning & Zoning  
Heather Lowe, Maryland Transportation Authority  
Patrick McMahon, MDOT Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA)  
Lisa Minnick Sirota, MDOT SHA  
Jamie Richardson, MDOT MTA  
Catherine Salarano, Maryland Department of the Environment  
Lisa Shemer, MDOT SHA  
Brian Ulrich, Anne Arundel County Office of Transportation  
Graham Young, Baltimore City Department of Transportation

***Staff and Guests***

Bala Akundi, Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)  
Regina Aris, BMC  
Robert Berger, BMC  
Erin Bolton, BMC  
Rebecca Deibel, BMC  
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