

CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS (CMP) COMMITTEE

June 7, 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 FEBRUARY 1, 2022 MEETING

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

3. MEETING OBJECTIVE

The objectives of the meeting are:

- Discuss potential for developing a regional congestion project
- Identify improvements to including regional considerations in the priority letter process

[PowerPoint: CMP Committee Handout]

4. UPDATES ON REGIONAL BOTTLENECK REPORT

Mr. Ed Stylc provided an update on new format for the Regional Bottleneck Report. He provided examples of current graphics in the Report, and added that the new format will condense the same data into a smaller area and will add more information to the report. The new format will start with the first quarter 2022 report, which is expected to be issued by the end of June.

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5. DISCUSSION ABOUT REGIONAL CONGESTION PROJECT GRANT IDEAS TO PROPOSE UNDER THE FEDERAL IIJA

Ms. Singleton highlighted federal funding programs that include eligible congestion-related activities, including:

- Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program

- Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program
- Congestion Relief Program
- Carbon Reduction Program

The presentation highlights specific examples of potential projects.

MDOT has been approached by one jurisdiction in the region requesting support for a Safe Streets for All application.

In response to a question about the state considering congestion pricing in the region, Mr. Dan Janousek responded that he does not have details about anything at this time.

There is a project proposed for MD 295 to add a lane as well as adding other TSMO improvements. This could be a potential regional project for consideration.

At this time, portions of MDOT SHA TSMO Systems 2 and 3 are funded for design in the CTP in Anne Arundel County.

Ms. Singleton created [questions](#) that committee members can use to share ideas about regional congestion projects; she suggested members review the presentation and provide additional comments in the survey.

[PowerPoint: CMP Committee Handout; Update on Federal and State Competitive Grant Opportunities]

6. DEBRIEF OF 2022 PRIORITY LETTER DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The group discussed the 2022 priority letter development process, how the proposed regional text could be improved, and ideas for next year. Ms. Singleton noted that many of the jurisdictions were able to include all or part of the regional text in their 2022 priority letters.

She sent out several [questions asking about local experiences](#) using the regional text and there were 3 replies so far. Others are encouraged to answer the questions also. Survey responses are included in the meeting handout.

Responses so far indicated that the online CMP tool is helpful, and it is helpful to include the priority letter projects as a data layer.

Several suggestions for increasing regional coordination for priority letters:

- Having a regional tool that can be used by local jurisdictions helps them see the larger picture outside their boundaries.
- Try to identify specific projects that can be supported by the BRTB members.
- Consider how to identify regional issues/projects in the long range transportation plan (LRTP) to help enable identified regional projects to move into the CTP/TIP.
- Look at projects in the TIP and LRTP that are adjacent/cross borders and consider how they could be combined.
- Identify one or a couple regional priorities that the BRTB can approve. This might involve working between meetings to develop these priorities. If we take this approach, what is the schedule that we should follow to bring potential priorities to the BRTB?

Mr. Victor Henry noted that any suggestions for improving the online CMP tool should be sent to him (vhenry@baltometro.org).

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7. UPDATE ON CONGESTION-RELATED PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Ms. Toria Lassiter provided an overview on MDOT SHA updates on federal congestion-related transportation performance measures. She also provided a brief overview of federal transportation performance management (TPM) regulations. There are three TPM programs, with the congestion measures being included in TPM 3:

- TPM 1: Safety
- TPM 2: Infrastructure Condition (NHS Bridge and Pavement)
- TPM 3: System Performance
 - Highway and Freight Reliability: MDOT sets target, MPO can set its own target or adopt the state target
 - Traffic Congestion: state and MPO must set a single unified target for these measures which include: Annual Hours of Peak Hour Excessive Delay Per Capita and Percent of Non-Singleton Occupancy Vehicle Travel
 - Emissions Reduction: state and MPO targets are calculated based on programmed CMAQ projects

The first four-year performance period started in 2018 and ended in 2021; the next four-year period begins in 2022. The timeline for TPM 1 and TPM 2 and 3 are slightly different.

The federal regulations now require urban areas of 200,000 or more (previously 1 million) to set TPM 3 Traffic Congestion targets. This change results in Aberdeen now needing to be included in target setting.

Ms. Nicole Hebert has been working closely with Ms. Lassiter on the CMAQ measures.

Ms. Lassiter would welcome input from CMP Committee members, especially related to thoughts on how to consider 2020 conditions, which were unusual. Members can send any ideas to Ms. Lassiter (tlassiter@mdot.maryland.gov).

[Presentation: Maryland TPM MPO Coordination BRTB 06.07.2022]

8. OTHER BUSINESS

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

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Next Meeting – November 1, 2022

ATTENDEES

Members

Kwaku Agyemang-Duah, City of Annapolis
Ken Choi, Maryland Department of Planning
David Cookson, Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning
Angelica Daniel, Baltimore County Department of Public Works & Transportation
Joel A Gallihue, Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning
Sarah Gary, MDOT State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA)
Daniel Janousek, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mary Lane, Carroll County Department of Planning & Zoning
Heather Lowe, Maryland Transportation Authority
Patrick McMahon, MDOT Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA)
Jamie Richardson, MDOT MTA
Lisa Minnick Sirota, 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
Blake Fisher, BMC
Don Halligan, BMC
Nicole Hebert, BMC
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