

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 9, 2021
9:00 – 9:35 A.M.
Conference Call

MINUTES

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR THE JULY 27, 2021 BRTB MEETING

The Executive Committee agreed on the following items for the July 27, 2021 BRTB meeting.

Action Items:

- Resolution #22-1 is to adopt the 2022-2025 TIP and Air Quality Conformity Determination.
- Resolution #22-2 to approve the Self Certification of the regional planning process.
- Resolution #22-3 is to endorse application(s) for funding under the Transportation Alternatives Program.

Informational Items:

- Presentation: Baltimore City's Complete Streets Manual
- Presentation: Update on I-695/I-70 Triple Bridges Interchange and other westside I-695 Projects
- Presentation: Status of various federal bills and new funding sources that relate to surface transportation

The Executive Committee approved the action items as well as the informational items for the July BRTB agenda.

2. TIP ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS

Hookers Mill Road Bridge #13 over Bynum Run - This administrative modification shifts engineering funds from FY 2020 to FY 2021 in the amount of \$500,000 (\$400,000 federal STBG funds/\$100,000 matching). The shift in funds is a result of delays in the consultant selection process necessary to perform the engineering services. Additionally, shifting engineering funds will accurately reflect the county Capital Improvement Program in the FY 2021-2024 TIP. The estimated total cost for this bridge replacement remains the same at \$3.18 million.

MD 175: National Business Parkway to McCarron Court - This administrative modification adds engineering funds in FY 2021 in the amount of \$966,000 (\$680,000 federal STBG funds/\$286,000 matching). This modification reflects additional State and Federal funds,

including the use of tolls credits, obligated in FY 2021. This modification will allow the authorization of federal funds for the design phase after MDOT SHA initially closed out design in July 2019 due to the termination of the original project. These design funds will be used to finalize design and prepare the project to re-advertise, reflecting the newest design changes to include upgraded bicycle facilities. The estimated total cost for this bridge replacement increases to \$80.00 million.

US 1: Bridge Replacement over CSX - This administrative modification increases construction funds in FY 2021 by \$1.102 million (\$882,000 federal NHPP funds/\$220,000 matching). The increase in funds is necessary to reimburse CSX Transportation for safety, engineering, and flagging operations during construction which provided safety of construction workers and trains. The estimated total cost for this bridge replacement increases to \$35.275 million.

Members present approved the three requested administrative modifications to the FY 2021-2024 TIP. Mr. Ramond Robinson asked if MDOT SHA headquarters or MDOT SHA District Office is handling the MD 175 project. Earlier discussions with Anne Arundel County have dropped off and there are some outstanding questions. Mr. Dan Janousek will put the project lead in touch with Mr. Robinson prior to the July 27th BRTB meeting.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

- MDOT has asked for a closeout, or estimate of funds to be spent, for FY 2021 by BMC on behalf of BRTB by Monday, July 12, 2021. This will be followed by a reconciliation at the September BRTB meeting. At that time the FY 2022 UPWP is likely to be amended to address any carryover funds and associated projects from FY 2021.
- The AMPO Annual Conference is taking place between October 5 to 8 with funding to support 2 representatives per jurisdiction or agency.
- There was a discussion of the return to the office and committee meetings based on a discussion by MPOs in Maryland at a recent roundtable. It is likely that all staff will return no later than early September. Then there is a need to gauge the ability to support in person committee meetings. BMC is considering a survey similar to the one MWCOG has issued to its members. Careful consideration will be given to how the public will be able to participate in various options. Public access to listen and participate is an essential component and will be fully explored. The survey to committee members will include an anonymous response. It was suggested that the BRTB hold an in person meeting in September prior to the AMPO Conference.

Several options will be offered and the Executive Committee members seemed to agree with a hybrid option. Four meetings for the draft CTP are preferred to be in person by MDOT.

MEMBERS (all by phone)

Ramond Robinson – Anne Arundel County - Chair
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STAFF AND GUESTS (all by phone)

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Dan Janousek - MDOT
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