

The Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore Region

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

August 6, 2021 9:02 – 9:40 A.M. Conference Call

# MINUTES

### 1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR THE AUGUST 24, 2021 BRTB MEETING

The Executive Committee agreed on the following items for the August 24, 2021 BRTB meeting.

#### Action Items:

• Resolution #22-4 is to consider a TIP amendment requested by MDOT MTA that would amend both the 2021-2024 and the 2022-2025.

#### Informational Items:

- Presentation: Launch of new Towson bus service titled: The Loop Baltimore County will share information on the development and upcoming launch of their new Towson Bus Loop.
- Presentation: BMC staff to update members on several UPWP project updates.

The Committee requested staff to inquire from MDOT MTA to present at a future BRTB meeting regarding the early stages of the two corridors under analysis from the RTP.

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

## 2. DISCUSSION

A recommendation developed from the recent task: *Evaluation of BRTB Public Participation Activities* was sent to the Executive Committee prior to the meeting. The recommendation offered an alternative to a standing public advisory committee by way of a virtual panel, which was recommended by staff as a pilot.

Members thought the idea was innovative and were willing to pursue. They also wanted to walk the full BRTB through the proposal and to consider issues such as federal requirements and how information from the panel would be shared and utilized. BMC staff will prepare a presentation for the BRTB.

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### 3. OTHER BUSINESS

A survey of the BRTB and all subcommittees has been developed to ascertain the preference for in-person versus virtual meetings. Before sending the survey out we need to reconsider the current state of the pandemic and what the member agencies are doing. Agencies started to open up and have in-person meetings, which is now changing due to the delta variant. The August BRTB will be virtual and then we will reassess.

## MEMBERS (all by phone)

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