

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 7, 2025

9:04 – 9:12 AM

## MINUTES

### 1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 25, 2025 BRTB MEETING

**Action Items:** No action items in February.

**Informational Items:** Nothing of substantial interest.

The Executive Committee discussed possible topics and then decided to cancel the meeting.

### 2. ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS

#### **Hammonds Ferry Road Bridge over CSX Railroad (TIP ID #13-1012-13)**

*Description:* This project includes replacing the deck and superstructure, and rehabilitation of the overall structure. The existing bridge has two 5-foot wide sidewalks and two 6-foot shoulders. The new structure will continue to have 5-foot sidewalks and 6-foot shoulders.

**Change:** This administrative modification adds \$612,000 in STBG funds (\$490,000 federal/\$122 local match) in engineering and construction funds in FYs 2025-2028. This modification reflects increased design costs and delays in the design process. The total project cost increases to \$6.412 M.

#### **Bus and Paratransit Vehicle Overhaul and Replacement (TIP ID #40-1802-05)**

*Description:* This project provides for routine replacement of buses past their useful service life. Planned purchases include 310 40-ft clean diesel buses and 40 60-ft clean diesel articulated buses. Project also covers the purchase of paratransit vehicles under MTA's Mobility program, a specialized door-to-door service for people with disabilities who are not able to ride fixed route public transportation, including lift equipped buses. In addition to the matching funds listed, MTA has committed \$76M in state dollars.

**Change:** This administrative modification adds \$8.846M in federal CMAQ funds for construction in FY 2025. The total project cost increases to \$176.38M.

#### **Areawide Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (TIP ID #60-9310-13)**

*Description:* This is an ongoing program to provide major upgrades and maintenance of structures on State highways. These are non-capacity improvements which may include but are not limited to structural replacements, deck rehabilitation, superstructure replacements, parapet reconstruction, cleaning and painting, and general maintenance on various state-owned bridges.

**Change:** This administrative modification will add \$6M (\$4.8M federal/\$1.2M state match) in NHPP funds and \$6M (\$4.8M federal/\$1.2M state match) in STBG funds for planning in FYs 2026-2027. The project cost increases to \$231.1M.

### **Areawide Environmental Projects (TIP ID #60-9506-38)**

*Description:* This is an ongoing program to provide environmental and aesthetic improvements on MDOT SHA's highway network. These non-capacity improvements may include but are not limited to noise abatement, wetland management and rehabilitation, reforestation, landscaping, scenic beautification, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

**Change:** This administrative modification adds \$1 million in NHPP funds (\$0.8M federal/\$0.2M state) in FY 2025 and FY 2026 for planning and \$1.4 million in STBG funds (\$1.12M federal/\$0.28M state) in FY 2025 and FY 2026 for engineering. This funding increase is necessary to accommodate committed environmental projects. The total project cost increases to \$90.4 M.

### **I-695: Bridge Replacement on Putty Hill Avenue (TIP ID #63-2002-13)**

*Description:* This project replaces bridge no. 0317400 on Putty Hill Avenue over I-695. The new bridge will maintain two 12' lanes and include 6' bicycle-compatible shoulders with 5'8" sidewalks on both sides of the bridge. Utility work began in early 2023 and is anticipated to be completed in Winter 2025/2026. Bridge construction is now anticipated to begin in early 2026 and be completed by the end of 2027. This schedule has been confirmed with the project manager and does not reflect the final CTP.

**Change:** This administrative modification adds \$262,000 in NHPP funds (\$209,000 federal/\$53,000 state) in FY 2025 and FY 2026 for engineering and changes the design schedule, anticipating design to be completed in Winter 2025/2026 compared to the original schedule of Spring 2024. The total project cost increases to \$20.387 M.

### **MD 97: MD 140 to MD 496 Corridor Study (TIP ID #64-2302-41)**

*Description:* This is a Planning study to identify multi-modal transportation needs and develop conceptual safety and capacity improvements on MD 97 from MD 140 to MD 496.

**Change:** This administrative modification adds \$120,000 (\$104,000 federal/\$16,000 state match) in STBG funds for planning in FY 2025. Planning is expected to be completed in the Spring/Summer of 2025, rather than the original schedule of Winter 2024-25. The total estimated project cost increases to \$624,000.

### **MD 18B: Castle Marina Road to the Kent Narrows Corridor Study (TIP ID #67-2301-41)**

*Description:* A Planning study to identify multi-modal transportation needs and develop conceptual capacity and multi-modal improvements on MD 18B (Main Street) from Castle Marina Road to the Kent Narrows.

**Change:** This administrative modification adds \$120,000 (\$96,000 federal/\$24,000 state match) in STBG funds for planning in FY 2025. This additional funding is necessary to continue seeking multimodal transportation needs and safety improvements along the corridor. Planning is anticipated to be complete in Spring/Summer 2025 compared to the original schedule of Winter 2024/25. The total estimated cost increases to \$622,000.

The Executive Committee approved the requested Administrative Modifications as requested; one from Baltimore County, one from MDOT MTA and five from MDOT SHA.

### **3. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

The draft document began a 30-day public comment period yesterday, with anticipated approval at the April BRTB meeting. The document contains the regular planning activities as well as a dozen focus areas. Whatever public comments come in will be shared with the BRTB at the March meeting.

### **4. OTHER**

There were no other items for discussion.

### ***MEMBERS***

Geoff Anderson – Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)  
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