

The Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore Region

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

April 4, 2025 9:03 – 9:19

## **MINUTES**

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

A reminder that the April meeting will be in person on Friday, April 25 with the elected officials and state secretaries. Mr. Lang will present all of the Action Items and ask for one vote for all four items.

#### **Action Items:**

- Resolution #25-25 Updating the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Transportation Planning Budget
- Resolution #25-26 Updating the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal for Fiscal Year 2026
- Resolution #25-27 Amending the 2025-2028 TIP for Rural Transit Systems Operating Assistance
- Resolution #25-28 Amending the 2025-2028 TIP for Upper Beckleysville Road Bridge over Murphy Run in Carroll County

#### Informational Items:

- Secretary Wiedefeld will provide an update on the Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP)
- Public Participation Opportunity

The Executive Committee approved the agenda items for the April 2025 meeting.

#### 2. ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS

## I-795: Dolfield Boulevard Interchange (TIP ID#63-0803-46) Not -exempt

**Description**: Project to construct an interchange at Dolfield Boulevard. Includes widening and operational improvements along I-795 from Owings Mills Boulevard (MD 940) to Franklin Boulevard. Southbound access to I-795 will be provided by ramps connecting to Red Run Boulevard. Northbound access to I-795 will be provided through a directional onramp from Dolfield Boulevard. The northbound off-ramp will connect to a new roundabout along Tollgate Road. A shared-use path will be constructed on Dolfield Boulevard between

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Red Run Boulevard and Tollgate Road. Sidewalks will be provided along Tollgate Road from Dolfield Boulevard to Hewitt Farms Road.

This project will be evaluated for construction funding as it advances through the design and engineering phases and additional Transportation Trust Fund revenue becomes available.

**Change**: This administrative modification adds \$1.806M (\$1.666M federal/\$0.14M state match) in NHPP funds for right-of-way and engineering in fiscal years 2025-2028. This change updates the design and right-of-way acquisition schedule. It is an existing project that has been modeled for air quality previously, and approved by the ICG and BRTB in the previous TIP. There are no major scope changes. The increase in cost will reflect funding increases proposed with the project and revised cost estimates. The total project cost is \$146.92M.

## Small Urban Transit Systems - Operating Assistance (TIP ID#40-0104-61) Exempt

**Description**: Operating assistance to small urban transit systems throughout the Baltimore region. Transit agencies eligible for funding include Carroll Transit System. Costs generally associated with operating assistance can include utilities, miscellaneous equipment, fuel/oil, and driver, maintenance staff, and administrative salaries.

**Change**: This administrative modification will update the project description to accurately reflect which small urban transit systems receive assistance under the program. The funding remains unchanged with this administrative change. The estimated total cost stays \$2.608M.

# Urban Transit Systems Capital Assistance (TIP ID#40-1602-05) Exempt

**Description**: Capital assistance for the purchase of vehicles, equipment, and facilities, for Harford County (Harford County Transportation Services). Planned purchases include vehicle replacement along with continued preventive maintenance.

**Change**: This administrative modification will modify the project to add \$84,000 in 5339 funds (\$67,000 federal/\$17,000 state matching) and \$334,000 in 5307 funds (\$267,000 federal/\$67,000 state matching). This funding will provide operation assistance for Harford County. The estimated total cost increases to \$5.642M.

The Executive Committee approved the three administrative modifications after some discussion.

## 3. OTHER

UPWP – BMC would like to request approval for two UPWP items detailed below:

Queen Anne's County would like to package and repurpose UPWP funding to explore a
potential pedestrian overpass of US 50 on Kent Island near the Bay Bridge. While the
scope and costs of this feasibility work is not finalized, BMC would be managing the
contract for Queen Anne's County. The dollar amount and scope will be sent once it is
finalized. Also, Queen Anne's County and BMC are talking with MDTA before initiating
this task.

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• BMC staff are requesting additional budget authority for the Scenario Planning project. The main tool to explore outcomes due to shifts in policy is known as VisionEval. This is the first time that BMC has utilized this tool and calibrating the base case has proven to be more complicated than expected. BMC staff are requesting additional consulting funds to complete this calibration, we will return with a specific amount after task approval. The original contract for the Scenario Planning project was \$250,000. Once calibrated, we anticipate utilizing the VisionEval tool beyond the Scenario Planning project.

The Executive Committee discussed the two UPWP changes. Further information on the Queen Anne's project will be sent once it is ready. Members were interested in a presentation on the VisionEval tool once it is further along in refinement, and approved the additional funding.

The Executive Committee discussed preparing to name a Nominating Committee to draft a slate of proposed BRTB Officers for Fiscal Year 2026. The Executive Committee approved two members and will be seeking a third member. A slate of Officers will be presented in May with a vote at the June meeting.

There were no other items for discussion.

#### **MEMBERS**

Geoff Anderson – Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Trey Dickerson – Howard County – Vice Chair Tony Russell – Baltimore County – Chair

#### STAFF AND GUESTS

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