

INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP

September 16, 2021
9:31 to 10:28 A.M.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Ms. Nicole Hebert.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Hebert led the group through introductions and welcomed Ms. Catherine Salarano of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) as a new voting member of the Interagency Consultation Group (ICG), filling Ms. Alex Brun's role.

2. ICG ROLE AND FUNCTIONS DISCUSSION

Ms. Hebert presented a general overview of ICG requirements. General ICG logistics were discussed as well, during which the following items were confirmed/adjusted:

- Confirmed ICG will typically meet the first Wednesday of the month starting at 9:30 and to be no longer than two hours while the conformity determination analysis is ongoing.
- Confirmed with ICG voting members that when action is needed via email the message will be labeled by BMC staff with "BRTB ICG ACTION REQUESTED BY date".
- Confirmed with ICG that two weeks turnaround is appropriate for actionable requests.
- Adjustment: In the upcoming conformity analysis, BMC project exemption recommendations will be submitted for review via email on a rolling basis by jurisdiction to ICG members prior to the meeting during which all project exemptions will be reviewed and voted on. ICG members will be encouraged to submit project exemption status questions within two weeks of each submission.

[PowerPoint: Interagency Consultation Group – An Overview]

3. PROGRESS IN MEETING TMA CERTIFICATION REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Hebert presented the 2020 Transportation Management Area Planning Certification recommendations from FHWA, FTA, and EPA to the BRTB regarding air quality and reviewed progress in meeting these recommendations. Progress made thus far includes:

- Tracking local emission reduction projects and strategies in 2022-2025 TIP and LRTP conformity analysis.
- BRTB (and BMC) staff attended FHWA MOVES3 training for non-modelers in August 2021.

[PowerPoint: Progress on 2020 TMA Certification Recommendations]

4. CONSIDERING MOVES3 FOR CONFORMITY DETERMINATION OF THE 2023-2026 TIP AND MAXIMIZE 2045

Ms. Hebert led a discussion among ICG members and support staff regarding the timing of when to incorporate MOVES3 into the conformity determination process. It was recommended by members that MOVES3 be incorporated into conformity determination analyses in 2023. In the meantime, BMC staff will be following up with MDE, ICG, and support staff to iron out and take next steps on MOVES3 incorporation so the team is prepared for incorporation in 2023. The members agreed to use MOVES2014a for the 2023-2026 TIP and MOVES3 for the 2024-2027 TIP and Resilience 2050.

[PowerPoint: Potentially Incorporating MOVES3]

5. PROPOSED GOALS AND STRATEGIES FOR THE NEXT LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN, RESILIENCE 2050

Mr. Zach Kaufman, briefed the committee on proposed Goals and Strategies for the next long-range transportation plan, *Resilience 2050: Adapting to the Challenges for Tomorrow*, and invited attendees to comment and encourage others to comment during the ongoing public comment period open through October 12, 2021.

6. MEMBER UPDATES

BRTB

Mr. Alex Rawls shared that BRTB members will attend the AMPO conference in October and are actively looking for ideas for the upcoming FY 2023 UPWP. ICG members are encouraged to share UPWP ideas with BMC staff. The October BRTB meeting moved to Friday October 29 and will include attendance by elected officials and state agency secretaries.

MDE

The Maryland Department of the Environment, along with the Maryland Energy Administration, has awarded Volkswagen Mitigation funds for projects submitted during the first round of funding under the Electric Corridor Grant Program (ECGP) and Charge Ahead Grant Program (CAGP).

EPA Region III

Mr. Greg Becoat shared that EPA submitted to BMC the approval letter of the 2022-2025 TIP and Maximize2045 transportation conformity analysis.

MDOT, FHWA Maryland Division, and FTA Region III

No updates.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business that anyone had to share. Ms. Hebert reminded the group that the next meeting date is to be determined, but will likely be in early January 2022.

ATTENDANCE

ICG Members

Kwame Arhin – Federal Highway Administration, Maryland Division

Gregory Becoat – Environmental Protection Agency – Region III

Virginia Burke – Maryland Department of Transportation

Ryan Long – FTA – Region III

Alex Rawls – Harford County/BRTB

Catherine Salarano – Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)

Staff and Guests

Regina Aris – Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)

Charles Baber – BMC

Ying-Tzu Chung – Michael Baker International

Nicole Hebert – BMC

Dan Janousek – Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)

Zach Kaufman – BMC

Mohamed Khan – MDE

Keith Kucharek – BMC

Brian Ulrich – Anne Arundel County Office of Transportation

Marcia Ways – MDE