

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

September 11, 2018
9:38 to 11:31 A.M.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 A.M. by Mr. Steve Cohoon.

1. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 7, 2018 MINUTES

Mr. Cohoon asked for approval of the minutes from the August meeting of the Technical Committee. Ms. Mary Lane moved to approve the minutes with Mr. Dan Janousek seconding the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION ON RESOLUTION #19-5

Ms. Regina Aris introduced Resolution #19-5 that seeks to add two projects to the 2015 Regional Transportation Plan, known as *Maximize2040*, and the FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as well as the associated air quality conformity determination. Both projects are on I-95 and are sponsored by the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA). One is for express toll lanes northbound on Section 200 and the other is for access improvements in the area of Port Covington. These amendments were subject to the public review from July 31st to August 31st. Fifteen comments were received from the public. BMC staff are working with the sponsor agencies on detailed responses. There was a discussion on several topics regarding the improvements including: level of existing congestion and improvement of both the completed Section 100 and proposed Section 200, relocation of the park and ride at MD 152 and toll funding analysis and potential effects on other projects.

Mr. Cohoon asked for a motion. Mr. Joel Gallihue motioned to approve the resolution and Mr. David Cookson seconded the motion. Resolution #19-5 passed.

[PowerPoint: I-95 North Section 200 ETLs and I-95 Port Covington Related Access Improvements, Handout: Draft Response to Public Comments]

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION ON RESOLUTION #19-6

Mr. Sumner Handy, representing MDOT MTA, introduced Resolution #19-6 that seeks to add a new grant-funded project to the FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) at the request of MTA. A grant to MTA has resulted from a successful request from the 2017 Bus and Bus Facilities Program (5339). The project titled, Beyond the Bus Stop, is for \$5.6M to

improve amenities for both riders and operators at bus stops around the network. The original request was for \$12M yet there are critical amenities that will be implemented. The program will improve customer experience by adding real-time information signage and shelter improvements to bus stops, including some multi-modal transfers. The program also includes constructing comfort stations at Cedonia Loop and Patapsco Light Rail Station for use by MTA operators. Blue Light phones will also be added at these locations. Mr. Cohoon asked for a motion and Mr. Dan Janousek motioned and Mr. Graham Young seconded the motion. Resolution #19-6 passed.

[PowerPoint: Beyond the Bus Stop]

4. RECOMMENDED ACTION ON RESOLUTION #19-7

Mr. Don Halligan provided an overview of Resolution #19-7 pertaining to the financial forecast for *Maximize2045*, the next regional long-range transportation plan expected to be adopted by the board in July 2019. Mr. Halligan reviewed the forecasting methodology, presented by MDOT at a previous Technical Committee meeting.

A discussion about the status of candidate project submittals for *Maximize2045* followed, including the fact that many of these submittals are missing cost estimates. Mr. Terry Freeland noted that technical scoring of the candidate projects can proceed without cost estimates. However, BMC staff will need these estimates by the end of October so that (1) staff can apply an inflation factor to estimate year of expenditure costs and (2) the committee has information on which projects in a proposed preferred alternative could be covered by future revenues expected to be available. This information is necessary to enable the evaluation of the proposed preferred alternative to go forward.

Mr. Cohoon asked for a motion to approve. Mr. Young moved to recommend approval of the resolution, and Ms. Martha Arzu-McIntosh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

5. RECOMMENDED ACTION ON RESOLUTION #19-8

Mr. Todd Lang introduced Resolution #19-8 which will introduce a practice of formally identifying any carry-over activities that will need to be included in the new UPWP. This is done to enhance all parties' understanding of funds needed in the coming year. Mr. Lang directed everyone's attention to the attachment that identifies the specific activity and amount to be carried-over.

Ms. Arzu-McIntosh requested that unspent funds from FY 2014 from an Anne Arundel County project be repurposed into two projects to be undertaken in FY 2019. The two projects include looking into the possibility of an additional interchange along the southern end of I-97 and to study TOD opportunities in Odenton. Members asked for the process to consider such an approval. Mr. Lang indicated that if a situation in any given year arises, the member would bring it to the attention of the Executive Committee. However, since Anne Arundel County

believed they were entitled to the funds despite the time lapse, it was determined that the request should go through the committee process.

Mr. Cohoon asked for a motion on Resolution #19-8 and Ms. Lane motioned with Mr. Janousek seconding the motion. Mr. Cohoon asked for discussion and Ms. Arzu-McIntosh requested an amendment to the motion. The new motion includes the addition of \$167,000 and Mr. Gallihue seconded the amended motion. Amended Resolution #19-8 passed.

[Handout: Repurpose Letter for Anne Arundel County Projects]

6. RECOMMENDED ACTION ON RESOLUTION #19-9

Ms. Sara Tomlinson presented on the BRTB CMAQ Performance Plan. This plan is scheduled for approval by the BRTB at their September meeting. The BRTB is federally required to develop a CMAQ Performance Plan, to be submitted as an attachment to the State DOT baseline performance report. The MPO CMAQ Performance Plan describes the baseline condition and MPO targets for three CMAQ-related performance measures: 1) Peak hour excessive delay, 2) Percent non-SOV travel, and 3) On-road mobile source emission reductions from CMAQ-funded projects.

In addition to describing the baseline information and targets, there is a table in the back of the document with a list of planned projects that are expected to result in emission reductions that will help the MPO to reach to 2-year and 4-year emission reduction targets.

Mr. Cohoon asked for a motion on Resolution #19-9 and Ms. Lane motioned with Mr. Janousek seconding the motion. The recommendation passed unanimously.

7. PRESENTATION: PAVEMENT AND BRIDGE CONDITIONS

Ms. Meredith Hill, MDOT SHA, provided an overview of the state's performance targets for NHS bridges and pavement. The state received data from local bridge owners so the targets take into account projects that are already planned/programmed by locals as well as the state. The state bridge targets are well below the federal threshold of having less than 10% of bridges in poor condition.

The state collects all data for NHS pavement, regardless of owner. The federal threshold for poor condition is 5% on interstates. The state pavement conditions are not projected to get close to this level.

Earlier this month, the state Transportation Asset Management Plan was certified by FHWA. The TAMP includes 10-year projections for bridge and pavement conditions. Ms. Hill noted that the state will not actually reach the 10-year projections because the targets are updated every four years. The 10-year targets are based on conservative, fiscally constrained projections. The regional bridge and pavement targets must be set by November 16, 2018, and the targets must be included in regional planning documents approved after May 20, 2018. A final TAMP is due in June 2019 and will include a financial plan.

Ms. Eileen Singleton then presented proposed regional targets for pavement and bridge performance. Several meetings with local and state representatives were held to develop the targets.

Based on projected performance of regional NHS pavement, the region will not meet state targets for good performance of non-interstate NHS in 2018 or 2020. After some analysis of the data, it was suggested that the regional target for good conditions of non-interstate pavement be set at 30.0%.

Projected performance for regional NHS bridges indicates that the region will not meet the condition for good performance in 2019 or 2021 and for poor performance for 2019. After some analysis of the data, it was suggested that the regional target for good conditions for 2019 and 2021 be set to 20.0% and the poor target for 2019 be 3.0% and for 2020 be 5.0%.

Although some of the targets are not the same for the state and the region, Ms. Hill noted that the MPO actions will continue to support the efforts of the state.

In response to a question about whether other regions in Maryland are setting their own targets, Ms. Hill noted that TPB is expected to set its own targets and other MPOs in the state are expected to adopt the state targets.

In response to a question about the cost of improvements for Baltimore City bridges, Ms. Singleton said the costs may be programmed but her analysis did not consider cost, just condition.

It was noted that due to the amount of pavement and bridges owned by SHA and MDTA, their system preservation decisions have major impacts on the condition of the overall system.

Mr. Victor Henry will be getting GIS data on bridge and pavement performance from the state and will prepare maps for each jurisdiction showing condition of NHS bridges and pavement.

[PowerPoints: Transportation Performance Management (TPM) on Bridge and Pavement (SHA), Proposed Regional Targets for Pavement and Bridge Performance (BMC), Handout: TPM Established Targets for Maryland]

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Freeland distributed information on the last set of transportation performance measures which are related to transit safety.
- Ms. Aris announced that MTA will initiate the application process for the 5310 program on September 27 with a due date of November 28. This will be requests for funding for FY 2019 and 2020. The TC will likely review recommendations at their January 2019 meeting.
- Mr. Halligan announced the last trail ride of 2018 will take place on Thursday, September 20, 4:30-6:30 p.m. along the Ma & Pa Heritage Trail's Bel Air section.
- On October 9 the next What's on Tap event will be at Diamondback Brewery to showcase a new transit app. The talk will feature Mr. Michael Helta.

- Mr. Janousek announced that the draft MTP is available online and is open for comment through November 15, 2018. Also, MDOT has initiated the annual Tour meetings which are now underway.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Ken Choi – Maryland Department of Planning
Steve Cohoon – Queen Anne’s County Department of Public Works
Kwaku Duah – City of Annapolis Department of Transportation
David Cookson – Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning
Joel Gallihue – Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning
Sumner Handy - Maryland Transit Administration
Meredith Hill – Maryland Department of Transportation SHA
Dan Janousek – Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Mary Lane - Carroll County Department of Planning
Martha Arzu McIntosh – Anne Arundel County
Jerry Smith – State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA)
Graham Young – Baltimore City Department of Transportation

Staff and Guests

Regina Aris - Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)
Charles Baber – BMC
Cynthia Burch – BMC
Terry Freeland – BMC
Don Halligan
James Harkness – MDOT MDTA
Victor Henry - BMC
Meredith Hill - SHA
Todd Lang – BMC
Eileen Singleton - BMC
Rebecca Smith – BMC
Ed Stylc - BMC
Sara Tomlinson - BMC