

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

April 2, 2019
9:32 to 11:02 A.M.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 A.M. by Mr. Steve Cohoon.

1. APPROVAL OF MARCH 5, 2019 MINUTES

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

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION ON RESOLUTION #19-18

Ms. Regina Aris reviewed the process undertaken to prepare the FY 2020-2021 UPWP, including focus areas and budget, as well as to publish for public review. No comments were received from the public. Several comments were prepared by the PAC for the BRTB's consideration. Responses were prepared in conjunction with several BRTB members and has been distributed to the TC for review. In FY 2020 the total budget stands at \$7,898,500 and includes 3 subarea projects.

Mr. Cohoon asked for a motion for approval. Mr. Joel Gallihue motioned for approval, and Mr. Duah seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

[Handout: PAC Comments with BRTB Responses on the Proposed FY 2020-2021 UPWP]

3. RECOMMENDATION ACTION ON RESOLUTION #19-19

Mr. Terry Freeland presented information on this resolution, which sets the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal for BMC consultant contracts for FY 2020. He noted that the BRTB sets the DBE participation goal each year in conjunction with the development of a new UPWP. The goal is based on methodology developed by MDOT. The DBE participation goal proposed for FY 2020 is 31.7 percent.

Mr. Duah asked about past performance relative to this goal. Ms. Aris responded that the performance over the past several years has fluctuated. For FY 2019, the goal was not met,

but it has been met in other years. Mr. Cohoon asked how long this percentage has been in place. Ms. Aris replied that the proposed goal for FY 2020 is the same goal adopted for FY 2019. Although, over the past several years, the goal has steadily increased.

Mr. Janousek moved to endorse the resolution, and Mr. Cookson seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to recommend BRTB approval of the proposed goal.

4. RECOMMENDATION ACTION ON RESOLUTION#19-20

This resolution relates to the region's Title VI program. Mr. Freeland gave an overview of the program, including the annual report required by federal regulations. This annual report identifies activities in program administration as well as MPO-specific activities to address Title VI. This annual report will be appended to the Title VI plan, which is updated every 4 years. BMC staff will present the Title VI report for consideration and approval in May.

Mr. Cookson moved to endorse the resolution, and Mr. Janousek seconded the motion.

5. RECOMMENDATION ACTION ON RESOLUTION#19-21

Ms. Aris briefed the TC on this new program approved by the Maryland General Assembly in 2018. Since proposals were due to BMC on March 30 there had not been sufficient time to review and prepare recommendations. Once prepared, the recommendations will be sent to the TC.

[PowerPoint: Slides for All April Action Items]

6. PRESENTATION: MASONVILLE COVE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

Ms. Danielle Wilson, Lead Environmental Specialist with Maryland Environmental Service, a consultant to the Maryland Port Administration, presented information on the Masonville Multimodal Transportation Feasibility Study.

The Port of Baltimore's dredging program, which places sediment in a containment facility at Masonville Cove, is critical to the safe passage of ships through Baltimore harbor. As part of the permitting process for this dredging and sediment disposal program, the MPA is required to enhance the Masonville Cove site and provide site remediation services. This has included sediment disposal site capping, disposal of trash and debris, wetland habitat creation, waterside restoration, and development of the Masonville Environmental Education Center.

In 2013, Masonville Cove was designated as the nation's first Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership. This designation enabled the MPA to apply for and receive funds under the FHWA's Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP). FLAP funds can be applied to projects to study and improve transportation facilities on and into federally designated lands. MPA is

partnering with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to undertake the multimodal transportation feasibility study being funded by FLAP.

The study included an assessment of public access and multimodal (motorized and non-motorized) transportation options to serve Masonville Cove. The MPA hosted two public meetings to present design concepts, provide information on options, present results of the analysis, and gather public input. The project team also engaged with community groups, local agencies, and businesses.

Ms. Wilson provided information on specific issues: shuttle or shared mobility options, safe pedestrian and bicycle access, intersection improvements, options for marine access (i.e., kayaks and water taxi), and public transit options. Possible short-term options include rideshare services such as Lyft and Uber and kayak access. Possible long-term options include shuttle service, intersection improvements, a multimodal path, and MDOT MTA transit (“last-mile”) service.

The next steps are to gather feedback on community priorities and to identify opportunities for coordinating with other projects in the area (e.g., Hanover Street Bridge corridor study, East Coast Greenway, Middle Branch redesign, traffic calming and streetscape projects). Also planned are efforts to improve public awareness of the site, improve physical access to the site, extend operating hours for the Environmental Education Center, and improve directional and informational signage. There is an opportunity to leverage the enthusiasm surrounding the 10th anniversary of Masonville Cove to make further access improvements and to improve public awareness.

Ms. Wilson announced that there is a program called First Thursday held at the Environmental Education Center. On the first Thursday of each month, the Center is open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Here is a link to the multimodal transportation feasibility study report:
<https://mpa.maryland.gov/greenport/Pages/publications.aspx>.

Committee members remarked on the great efforts being undertaken in this study and asked questions about coordination with other projects and programs available at Masonville Cove.

[PowerPoint: Masonville Multi-Modal Transportation Feasibility Study]

7. UPDATE: REGIONAL DATA FOR STATE OF GOOD REPAIR TARGETS

Ms. Aris provided an update on progress toward developing State of Good Repair targets for the Baltimore region’s Tier II transit agencies. At this time BMC has data for all LOTS agencies for the 2017 performance criteria. Over the next several weeks BMC will develop a recommended 2019 target based on 2018 data that is now available.

[Handout: Updated Transit State of Good Repair Targets – April 2019]

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Freeland updated members on the continuing development of Maximize2045 documentation and asked for volunteers to review additional content. Plan performance analysis is nearing completion, however the next TC is only two days prior to release of the Plan, therefore BMC will send a PowerPoint with analysis results with the May TC agenda to allow time for review and comment.
- Mr. Janousek noted that MDTA will present information on the Bay Bridge Crossing Study in May.
- Mr. Don Halligan announced that BMC will host the next *What's on Tap* event titled, Piecing It Together – Framing Affordable Housing Messages. This event will take place on May 6, 2019 (doors open at 5:30) at the Diamondback Brewing Company, 1215 East Fort Avenue, #008, Baltimore, MD 21230.
- Mr. Janousek announced that there will be a presentation on the Loop project at either the May or June BRTB meeting.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Alex Brun – Maryland Department of the Environment
Zach Chissell – Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA)
Ken Choi – Maryland Department of Planning
Steve Cohoon – Queen Anne’s County Department of Public Works
Angelica Daniel – Baltimore County
David Cookson – Howard County Office of Transportation
Kwaku Duah – Annapolis Department of Transportation
Joel Gallihue – Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning
Dan Janousek – Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Mary Lane - Carroll County Department of Planning
Lisa Sirota – State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA)
Graham Young – Baltimore City Department of Transportation

Staff and Guests

Bala Akundi - Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)
Regina Aris – BMC
Robert Berger – BMC
Blake Fisher - BMC
Terry Freeland - BMC
Don Halligan – BMC
Katrina Jones – Maryland Port Administration
Danielle Wilson – Maryland Environmental Service