

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

November 1, 2022
9:34 to 10:16 A.M.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 A.M. by Mr. Joel Gallihue.

1. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2022 MINUTES

Mr. Gallihue asked for approval of the minutes from the October meeting of the Technical Committee. Mr. Graham Young moved to approve the minutes with Mr. Patrick McMahon seconding the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION ON RESOLUTION #23-8

Mr. Keith Kucharek introduced the resolution. In Resolution #23-8, MDOT SHA requested to amend the FY 2023-2026 TIP.

Ms. Lisa Minnick presented the details of the project. MDOT SHA is requesting to add \$6.036 million of STBG funds in engineering, right-of-way, and construction to the MD 24: South of Stirrup Run Culvert to Deer Creek Bridge, Section G project. \$67,000 in engineering funds and \$165,000 in right of way funds will be added to FY 2023. Additionally, \$5,804,000 in construction funds will be added in FY 2023-2026.

The project, which will be advertised for construction in December 2022, extends approximately 0.25 miles along MD 24 in Harford County from 900 feet south of Sharon Road to 1,700 feet north of Ferncliff Lane.

The scope of the project includes reconstruction of the roadway within the current alignment, slope stabilization on both sides of MD 24, shifting Rock Creek approximately 25 feet east of its current location and planting native trees and brush.

The current project schedule includes advertisement for construction on December 19, 2022, Notice to Proceed in April of 2023 and Open to traffic in fall of 2025.

Ms. Minnick was asked by Mr. Ken Choi if the project is outside of the Priority Funding Area (PFA). Ms. Minnick indicated that the project is outside of the PFA but received a waiver to complete the project.

Mr. Gallihue asked Ms. Minnick if there are any pedestrian accommodations included in the project since this is within a state park and has a lot of pedestrian traffic. Ms. Minnick indicated that the existing roadway does not have any pedestrian accommodations and since this reconstruction will be in kind, no new pedestrian accommodations are included. She will, however, speak to the project manager to inquire if this was reviewed.

There was a request for a motion regarding Resolution #23-8. Mr. Steve Cohoon made a motion to send Resolution #23-8 to the BRTB as presented and Mr. Kwaku Duah seconded the motion. No members of the public had any comments. A vote was taken on Resolution #23-8, with unanimous support from the members.

[PowerPoint: MD 24 Rocks Road TIP Amendment]

3. PRESENTATION: MAKING THE TRANSIT CONNECTION IN THE BALTIMORE REGION

Mr. Robert Berger discussed results from the 2018-2019 Maryland Travel Survey (MTS), specifically, an “Analysis of Making The Transit Connection in the Baltimore Region”. The analysis used Baltimore region, rather than jurisdictional, data.

He noted that many persons in the Baltimore region do not access transit, both rail and bus, from home on their own and, instead rely on their spouse and/or Taxi, Uber, or Lyft to do so. He also provided cost figures for Uber and Lyft, but no cost figures were available for Taxi service.

He noted that the analysis determined the location, i.e. Census Tract, of those that need help as a first step toward mitigating that need.

In presenting his conclusions, he noted that, in general, rail transit riders are more likely than bus transit riders to need help accessing transit from home. In particular, a total of twenty-one (21) persons from nineteen (19) different Census Tracts needed help to access rail transit from home, and a total of seven (7) persons from Six (6) different Census Tracts needed help to access bus transit from home.

Finally, he noted that two maps, as well as supporting data were available: one showing “Persons Who Need Help Accessing Rail Transit from Home by Census Tract” and one showing “Persons Who Need Help Accessing Bus Transit from Home by Census Tract”.

[PowerPoint: Making the Transit Connection]

4. UPWP ACTIVITIES

- Public Participation Plan Comments – Ms. Regina Aris distributed the comments received from the 45-day comment period held for the PPP update. Staff are working on responses to the comments which will be provided to the Technical Committee as part of a Resolution at the December meeting.
- Update on Resilience 2050 – Mr. Zach Kaufman shared that BMC released a white paper in October on active transportation. This is the 7th white paper related to LRTP topics.

November's white paper will focus on the Round 10 socioeconomic forecasts. Mr. Kaufman also shared that cost estimation is complete for candidate LRTP projects. Project scoring and the financial forecast are also almost complete. BMC staff will share a draft preferred alternative with the Technical Committee in November or December.

- Intro to Data Dashboards – Mr. Charles Baber introduced the committee to the UPWP Tableau planning area dashboard development, which has a goal to create interactive and engaging dashboards allowing users to download, save and print analysis. The consultant team has developed four draft dashboards and two dashboard user/maintenance guides. Additional dashboards and user/maintenance guides will be under development in December. Mr. Baber proceeded to provide a live dashboard demonstration providing basic instructions on the dashboard navigation. After the presentation, members were encouraged to review draft dashboards on a public Tableau profile and provide any suggestions or comments.

[PowerPoint: Data Dashboards]

- Topics of Interest from the AMPO Conference – Mr. Todd Lang distributed a list of Focus Area topics that has been started for the 2024 UPWP. Members were asked to review and add send any ideas to Mr. Lang.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Lang reminded members that the first quarter invoices were due yesterday and urged them to submit in a timely manner.

The next meeting will be held a virtual meeting on December 6, 2022.

Mr. Gallihue asked for a motion to close the TC meeting. Mr. Cohoon made a motion which Mr. Young seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:16 A.M.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Ken Choi – Maryland Department of Planning
Steve Cohoon – Queen Anne's County Department of Public Works
David Cookson – Howard County Office of Transportation
Angelica Daniel – Baltimore County Department of Public Works & Transportation
Kwaku Duah – Annapolis Department of Transportation
Joel Gallihue – Harford County Department of Planning
Dan Janousek – Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Patrick McMahon – Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA)
Lisa Minnick – Maryland State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA)
Catherine Salarano – Maryland Department of the Environment
Brian Ulrich – Anne Arundel County Office of Transportation (OOT)
Graham Young – Baltimore City Department of Transportation

Staff and Guests

Bala Akundi - Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)

Regina Aris - BMC

Charles Baber - BMC

Robert Berger - BMC

Cindy Burch - BMC

Rochelle Carpenter – Toole Design

Monica Haines Benkhedda - BMC

Don Halligan – BMC

Victor Henry - BMC

Warren Henry – MDOT SHA

Candice Ifill -BMC

Zach Kaufman - BMC

Keith Kucharek - BMC

Todd Lang – BMC

Sheila Mahoney - BMC

Anna Marshall - BMC

Charlene Mingus - BMC

Brian Ryder - BMC

Shane Sarver - BMC

Eileen Singleton - BMC

Michael Scepaniak – Strong Towns Baltimore

Dwight Tigner – BMC

Jacob Took - BMC