

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

June 12, 2023
9:30 A.M.
Hybrid Meeting

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Chris Letnaunchyn, chair, opened the meeting; attendees introduced themselves.

2. COMMENTS ON NOTES FROM MARCH 13, 2023, MEETING

There were no comments on the minutes.

3. BMC PROJECT UPDATES

Ms. Eileen Singleton provided updates on two projects:

Enhancing Climate Resilience and Interjurisdictional Coordination Project

Ms. Singleton provided an update on this project funded through BMC. This project is a follow up to the [Climate Change Resource Guide](#). The products for this project are final and posted online: [Climate Resilience Guidance for Local Jurisdictions](#) and [Recommendations for Interjurisdictional Coordination on Climate Resilience](#).

Explore Connected and Automated Vehicle Integration for Local Governments

The documents from this BMC funded project will be posted [online](#) when the project is completed in July.

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4. PROPOSAL FOR A REGIONAL RESILIENCE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO USDOT PROTECT PROGRAM

Ms. Singleton said that the development of a regional Resilience Implementation Plan would be a follow up to the recently completed climate resilience project noted previously in the meeting. She conducted a survey of stakeholders that were involved in the climate resilience project to ask about next steps for interjurisdictional coordination and many respondents

supported the development of a regional Resilience Implementation Plan. She said that she will work to develop a proposal to the USDOT PROTECT Program. The Notice of Funding Opportunity for these discretionary funds has been posted and applications are due August 18, 2023. She is waiting to confirm a lead agency to submit the application, and once secured, she will proceed with developing the application. She will be looking for a few people to assist with developing the application, which will primarily involve reviewing the application. There was a suggestion to not use the acronym "RIP" for this project.

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5. RCPGP EVACUATION PROJECT

Ms. Singleton provided an update on the FY 2022 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP) evacuation project. The focus of the project will be on updating the Evacuation Coordination Supplement that was prepared as part of the FEMA Evacuation Technical Assistance project in 2017. Considerations of equity and climate change will be incorporated into the supplement. Since we will be focusing on evacuation, we will also take this opportunity to reinvigorate our regional evacuation discussion that we last had in fall 2019 at our evacuation workshops.

This project will take place over three years and include a regional component and a multi-state component. The regional component will include the following UAWG Committees: Transportation and Public Works Committee, Whole Community Committee, Evacuation Working Group, and PIO Committee.

The first event for regional stakeholders will be a workshop to be held in July (on two dates, participants select one date – July 19 or July 31). The second event will be a tabletop exercise scheduled for October 18th. The region is getting support on the TTX from a consultant from UMD Center for Health and Homeland Security (CHHS).

Ms. Singleton is preparing the presentation for the July workshops, and she asked for a few people to work with her to provide input/feedback.

There will also be a TTX planning committee convened with a few representatives from each participating committee. The T&PW Committee representatives will be Mr. Letnaunchyn and Mr. Dave Larsen.

There was a question about if/how water systems will be incorporated in the RCPGP project and also how the principles of Complete Streets interact with needs of moving people in an emergency. The FEMA [Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool](#) (RAPT) has as one of its layers "access to a vehicle." Mr. Letnaunchyn noted that the Evacuation Coordination Supplement has a transit element. Mr. J.J. Lynott added that while transit can be used to support an evacuation, there are numerous coordination issues that need to be addressed.

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6. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Disaster Debris Planning Task Force: The group is still waiting to find out how local jurisdictions can be reimbursed if they use state contracts. Ms. Singleton added that there will be a presentation at the June 14th meeting by FEMA Region 3 staff on the Procurement Disaster Assistance Team (PDAT) (FEMA procurement requirements).

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7. GROUP DISCUSSION

Items of Interest for the Group:

- [NCHRP 1043 Guide for Roundabout Design](#) was recently released.
- [AASHTO Transportation Operations Manual](#), 1st Edition was recently published.

Upcoming Events:

- [Maryland Cycling Classic](#) will be held again Labor Day weekend.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

The group had several ideas for potential future group conversations:

- Pavement management
- Recruitment and retention of staff
- Manhole cover standardization in Maryland

Location of Future Meetings: The group decided to have one or two meetings in person (with a remote option) and the rest of the meetings as virtual. The September 11th meeting is currently planned to be in person. The December meeting will be virtual.

2023 Meetings – September 11, December 11

ATTENDEES

Members

Alex Baquie, Anne Arundel Co. Dept. of Public Works
Kim Grove, Baltimore City Dept. of Public Works
Sam Kahl, Harford Co. Dept. of Public Works
David Larsen, Maryland Dept. of Transportation (MDOT)
Chris Letnaunchyn, Carroll Co. Dept. of Public Works
J.J. Lynott, MDOT Maryland Transit Administration
Mike Sheffer, MDOT State Highway Administration
Steve Walsh, Harford Co. Dept. of Public Works
Graham Young, Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Infrastructure Development

Staff

Regina Aris, Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)

Jeramie Calandro, BMC

Blake Fisher, BMC

Eileen Singleton, BMC