

## **TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

March 11, 2024

9:30 A.M.

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

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

#### **2. COMMENTS ON NOTES FROM DECEMBER 11, 2023, MEETING**

There were no comments on the minutes.

#### **3. DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM RCPGP EVACUATION TTX**

Ms. Singleton provided a reminder of the overall schedule of the RCPGP Evacuation project and provided an overview table. The group then discussed the recommendations from the RCPGP evacuation tabletop exercise held in October 2023. The recommendations fall under one of the two objectives for the TTX:

1. Evaluate the ability of regional partners to execute an integrated, coordinated, and collaborative multi-jurisdictional mass evacuation necessitated by a natural disaster enhanced by the effects of climate-change.
2. Evaluate the ability of regional partners to ensure that the unique needs of vulnerable populations (including, but not limited to populations in poverty, functional disabilities, elderly, non-English speaking, and/or households with no personal vehicle) are properly accommodated during an event that necessitates a multi-jurisdictional mass evacuation.

Ms. Singleton said that there have been two meetings with members of state agencies (including MDEM, MDOT (headquarters and MTA), MDHS, MSP, and MDOD) to discuss the recommendations.

The group discussed each of the TTX recommendations. General comments on the recommendations are as follows:

- There was a question about interest in applying for FEMA Technical Assistance (TA) funds. There would be interest in these funds after the RCPGP project is completed and we can prepare a focused scope of work to identify next steps on regional evacuation planning. There would need to be regional consensus on the scope to enable a successful TA project.
- Maryland Department of Human Services will integrate with and support local jurisdictions as needed.
- It is important for implemented recommendations to be institutionalized to ensure they continue.
- T&PW can discuss which of the evacuation-related applications would be useful to people and to make sure they know how to use them. There was also a recommendation to have a meeting where each jurisdiction/state agency can present their evacuation plan as well as what tools/applications they use. This would not be this year; this meeting would be scheduled after further progress is made on the RCPGP project.
- It will also be helpful to learn what tools Virginia and Delaware use, that request can be made as part of the RCPGP work. It will also be informative to learn how these states coordinate with their local jurisdictions.
- Next step: Each local T&PW member is asked to talk to their emergency manager to find out the EM opinion on the role of UCG and interest in a statewide evacuation coordination task force.

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**4. COMMITTEE GOALS FOR 2024**

Each UAWG committee is asked to develop goals, keeping in mind:

- Why the committee was created
- What is the problem it is trying to solve
- What is the vision we are trying to get to

The T&PW committee supports the following FEMA core capabilities in a primary lead role (P) or support role (S):

- Operational Coordination (S)
- Cybersecurity (S)
- Supply Chain Integrity and Security (S)
- Long-term Vulnerability Reduction (S)
- Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment(S)
- Critical Transportation (P)

- Environmental Response/Health and Safety (S)
- Infrastructure Systems (Response Focus) (S)
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management (S)
- Mass Care Services (S)
- Situational Awareness (S)
- Housing (S)
- Infrastructure Systems (Recovery Focus) (S)

Currently, T&PW is listed in a Support role for *Infrastructure Systems (Response Focus)* and *Infrastructure Systems (Recovery Focus)*; the group suggested that should be changed to a Primary role (jointly with the other committees listed).

The group agreed on the following goals and associated timeframes:

#	Goal
Short Term (up to 2 years)	
1	Invite staff from NCR/MWCOG ESF1 to discuss opportunities to operationalize coordination and best practice sharing for evacuation planning (TTX Recommendation 1.8)
2	Invite representatives from Region III Health and Medical Coalition to discuss evacuation coordination from major hospital systems (TTX Recommendation 2.6)
Medium Term (1 – 3 years, as more work is done on the RCPGP project)	
3	Work with EM Committee to identify which evacuation resources stakeholders should know how to use and develop approach to educate them (TTX Recommendation 1.2)
4	Hold workshop for each jurisdiction/agency to present its evacuation plan (TTX Recommendation 1.4)
5	Resolve coordination vs command and control question (TTX Recommendation 1.7)

One use of the goals will be to support future grant opportunities.

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**5. COMMITTEE AND PROJECT UPDATES**

Ms. Singleton provided updates on:

- Disaster Debris Planning Task Force:
  - Maryland DGS working to incorporate local procurement requirements from FEMA in the next debris contractor procurement to enable local jurisdictions to get reimbursed for local use of a state contract. New contracts should be in place in mid-2024.
  - Discussions related to wood waste reclamation and connection to regional Climate Pollution Reduction Grant work.
- Regional CAV Planning:

- Regional CAV Workshop scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM at BMC (w/virtual option). The purpose is to talk through the User Guide that was developed as part of the regional CAV project completed last year.
- The Maryland CAV Work Group has a meeting later in April. For those interested in this group, there is a [webpage](#).
- Follow up on CISA Cyber Resilience Reviews: If an agency would like to initiate a CRR, contact Mr. Jason Schaum (jason.schaum@cisa.dhs.gov; 202-746-2811).
- Employee Recruitment and Retention:
  - Information is provided in the handout. If there is interest in having a committee discussion, please contact Ms. Singleton and it will be added to a future agenda.

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## **6. GROUP DISCUSSION**

Mr. Letnaunchyn noted that National Work Zone Awareness Week is April 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. Maryland is the host state for the country. There is a national press event scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> at the top of the triple bridges, I-70 and I-695. There will be lane closures and detours. Attendance to this press event will be by invitation only. The Governor, Lt. Governor, and USDOT Secretary may attend. The press conference is currently scheduled for 12 PM to 12:45 PM.

Carroll County will hold a work zone safety press event on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM at the Westminster DPW Maintenance Center.

The related Unity Ride will also take place that day, starting from BWI to I-695, passing the site of the work zone crash that killed six workers last year, and ending at the Fairgrounds in Timonium. The ride will end at about 2 PM. There will be some activities at the Fairgrounds after the ride.

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## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

The next meeting is June 10<sup>th</sup>. Details about location/virtual will be sent prior to the meeting.

## **8. MARYLAND STATEWIDE ITS ARCHITECTURE UPDATE**

Mr. Alvin Marquess is under contract with MDOT SHA to update the Maryland Statewide ITS Architecture. The last update was in 2016. The architecture document identifies intelligent transportation systems (ITS) used throughout the state, regardless of owner, as well as defining the relationships among stakeholders and ITS elements (agreements). Examples of ITS: communications systems, traffic signals connected to communications systems, traffic cameras, etc.

Mr. Marquess reviewed the regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Resilience 2050 for potential projects.

The group identified a contact for each jurisdiction and MDEM; Mr. Marquess will follow up as needed.

Questions about the ITS architecture update work should be sent to Mr. Marquess ([Alvin.Marquess@jacobs.com](mailto:Alvin.Marquess@jacobs.com)).

***[Presentation: BMC ITS Stakeholder Meeting Agenda]***

**2024 Meetings** – June 10, September 9, December 9 (TBD if hybrid or remote)

**ATTENDEES**

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Jim Small, Anne Arundel Co. Dept. of Public Works  
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