



Public Advisory Committee Bylaws

Highlights of Proposed Changes

November 27, 2018



ADDRESSING EQUITY



Article III, Section 1: Purpose

- Adds “C. Promote equity in the regional transportation planning process.”
 - Brings bylaws in line with mission of PAC as stated on BMC website

Article VII, Section 1 Standing Subcommittees

- Adds “D: Transportation Equity Subcommittee “
 - Formalizes Transportation Equity Subcommittee from ad-hoc subcommittee to standing committee.
 - Brings the PAC subcommittees in line with the three-prong mission of the PAC

DIVERSITY + INCLUSION



Article II, Section 3: Nondiscrimination – Updated to include other protected classes as per Maryland state law.

No person or organization shall, on the grounds of ~~race, color or national origin~~ **race, color, religion or creed, sex, age, ancestry or national origin, marital status, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation and gender identity** be excluded from participating in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination from the PAC.

Article IV, Section 3. Membership Selection – Updated to match BRTB Bylaws

~~Appointments shall be made to encourage a balanced cross-section of the region's population representing environmental, business and civic organizations; including people with low-income, minorities and persons with disabilities.~~

The membership of the PAC shall include a full range of interested individuals and representatives of affected non-governmental agencies and groups, such as neighborhood and civic organizations, business and environmental groups, public interest groups, providers of transportation services and traditionally underserved populations such as people with low-income, minorities, seniors, and persons with disabilities. Membership, to the extent practical, shall include representatives of the various regional jurisdictions represented on the BRTB to provide public representation from these areas.

The BRTB shall provide a non-voting liaison to the PAC.

VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION



Article IV: Membership - Added option for members to participate remotely (via GoToMeeting for example) for at least part of the year.

Section 5. Absenteeism Participation in PAC Meetings

Maximum attendance by members is expected. Members missing three consecutive, regularly scheduled meetings or a total of six regular meetings, during a twelve-month period shall be automatically reviewed by the Membership Sub-Committee. When a Committee member has been absent for the third consecutive time or has been absent for the sixth time in any twelve-month period, the PAC Chair shall contact the member, informing the member that another absence will result in his/her membership being reviewed. If attendance does not improve, other actions including removal may be taken by the BRTB **will be removed so that another volunteer may fill the vacancy.**

The PAC recognizes that factors such as transportation challenges, illness, scheduling conflicts, and other issues can impact the physical presence of a member at a PAC meeting. Therefore, Committee members may participate virtually in up to half of regularly scheduled PAC meetings. In order to maintain quorum, virtual participation in Committee meetings is limited to up to 1/3 of the current Committee membership.

OTHER UPDATES



Article II, Section 2: Area

- Removes list of jurisdictions to refer to BRTB Bylaws, Article III – Membership, Section I – Voting Membership

Article VII, Section 1: Standing Subcommittees

- Updates Membership Subcommittee description to match current practice
 - The Membership Subcommittee shall consist of ~~a minimum of 5 voting members~~ **the PAC Chairs and Subcommittee Chairs**. This subcommittee shall focus on orientation of new members, work with staff to monitor and address member attendance, and recruitment of new members when necessary.

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