CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS (CMP) COMMITTEE

June 3, 2025
10:15 to 10:44 A.M.

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Eileen Singleton opened the meeting; attendees introduced themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 4, 2024, MINUTES

There were no comments on the minutes; the minutes were approved by the committee.

3. CMP STRATEGIES SELECTED FOR 2026 – 2029 TIP PROJECTS

Ms. Ndemazea Fonkem provided an overview of the projects in the 2026 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). There are 172 proposed federally-funded regionally significant projects of which nine are new in this TIP. The TIP is currently available for public review. The total cost of all projects, $6.2 billion, is what is reasonably expected to be available from local, state, and federal sources.

Half of the total funds are proposed for highway preservation projects. Many of these projects include projects like ADA improvements, sidewalk improvements, etc.

As discussed in the last meeting, project sponsors are now being asked to select any CMP strategies that will be included in their projects (not required). This information is being tracked internally while we determine if/how this information could be useful.

Ms. Fonkem showed a table indicating which CMP strategies were selected. She noted that not all projects selected CMP strategies and projects could select up to three.

Strategy Code	Count
1a. Commuter related programs (e.g., employer outreach, commuter benefits policies, parking cash out policies, etc.)	1
1b. Promoting regional coordination (e.g., intra-jurisdictional projects/strategies)	1
2a. Intersection control (e.g., traffic signal coordination, ramp metering, transit signal priority, etc.)	5
2b. Real-time monitoring (e.g., active traffic management, real time parking information, traveler information systems, road weather information systems)	4
2c. Operational improvements (e.g., movable barriers, reversible commuter lanes, geometric improvement, shoulder lane use, etc.)	15
3a. Operational improvements (e.g., transit signal priority, optimizing transit service, etc.)	3
3b. New infrastructure (e.g., bus rapid transit, network expansion, etc.)	1
4a. Infrastructure addition (e.g., new bike lanes, streetscape elements, etc.)	17
4b. Infrastructure improvements (e.g., traffic calming, etc.)	47
5a. Roadway changes (e.g., new lanes, spot improvements, etc.)	27
5b. Intersection changes (e.g., grade separated intersections, intersection improvements, etc.)	2
5c. Freight improvements (e.g., address freight bottlenecks, rail/port access, truck parking, etc.)	3

The TIP also includes an Air Quality Conformity Analysis, which is required because the Baltimore region does not meet the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for ozone.

The public comment period for the TIP will be open through June 15th.

Ms. Singleton asked the attendees how the data on CMP strategies could be useful and if there are suggestions for revising the CMP strategies listed. In response, there was a question about whether the most selected category, "infrastructure improvements" was too broad and if it should be more specific to show more detail about CMP strategies to be used. Ms. Fonkem noted that half of the projects are listed as Highway Preservation projects, which are often, involves infrastructure improvements. It could be helpful to break down the top CMP strategies into more specific project types and by jurisdiction. This information will be provided at the next meeting.

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4. UPDATE TO ONLINE CMP TOOL

Mr. Ed Stylc told the group that the updated layers with 2024 data will be added to the Online CMP Tool soon. There will also be a new layer showing congestion percentage, which is the average traffic speed as a percent of free flow speed, which can provide more specific condition information on roads, especially lower speed roads. All of the layers that had been there will continue to be available.

Mr. Stylc also showed a table of the region's 23 critical urban freight corridor routes. He will be working on some analysis of these routes and will provide additional information at a future meeting. The colored segments on the map represent the corridors.

There was a question about which vehicles are included as freight. After the meeting, Mr. Stylc received the following answer from the CATT Lab:

Trucks are categorized according to their GVWR (gross vehicle weight rating). However, there is a general weight threshold that determines whether a truck is considered a passenger vehicle. General-use pickup trucks, which include models frequently utilized as commuter vehicles, such as the Ford F-150, are considered passenger vehicles due to the GVWR. Passenger vehicles are less than 10,000 pounds or less and Trucks are 10,001 pounds GVWR or more.

There is no way in RITIS to identify vehicles carrying hazardous materials.

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5. 2025 PRIORITY LETTERS

Ms. Singleton noted that many jurisdictions used the regional text for local priority letters.

Regarding the format of priority letters, Mr. Todd Lang said that MDOT has a pilot program using an online portal to submit priority letters. There was a [presentation on the pilot program](#) at the November 2024 meeting of the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board. For 2024 priority letters, it was optional to use the proposed format. Any comments on the pilot should be sent to MDOT.

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6. OTHER BUSINESS

- Send topics of interest for future presentations to Ms. Singleton.

- Ms. Sarah Gary suggested contacting the SHA Districts to see if they have any topics to present to the group.

Next Meeting – November 4, 2025

ATTENDEES

Members
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 and Transportation
Sarah Gary – MDOT SHA

Erin Kuhn – MDOT SHA
Shawn Kiernan – MDOT
Ryan Mayers – Regional Transportation Agency of Central MD
Lisa Shemer – MDOT SHA
Rana Shams – MDOT SHA
Brian Ulrich – Anne Arundel County Office of Transportation

Staff
Regina Aris – Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)
Tim Briggs - BMC
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Victor Henry – BMC
Andrea Jackson – BMC
Zach Kaufman – BMC
Keith Kucharek – BMC
Todd Lang – BMC
Anna Marshall – BMC
Md. Moklesur Rahman – BMC
Brian Ryder – BMC
Eileen Singleton – BMC
Ed Stylc – BMC
Marium Sultan – BMC