

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 7, 2025

9:01 – 9:21

MINUTES

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 25, 2025 BRTB MEETING

A reminder that the March meeting will be virtual and the April meeting will be in person on Friday, April 25.

Action Items:

- To consider the Alternates Retained for Detailed Study (ARDS) for the Bay Crossing project.
- To amend the TIP for four transit related projects: 1) Anne Arundel County Ferry project, 2) Rural Transit Systems, 3) Urban Transit Systems, and 4) Annapolis Ferry project.
- To amend the TIP to allow the Maryland Transportation Authority to program an INFRA grant for the Curtis Creek Drawbridge Deck Rehabilitation and Resiliency project.

Informational Items:

- A briefing on transportation related legislation moving through the Maryland General Assembly.

The Executive Committee approved the agenda items for the March 2025 meeting.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS

Stafford Road Bridge #162 over Buck Branch (TIP ID# 15-2103-13) Exempt

Description: This project includes full replacement of the bridge carrying Stafford Road over Buck Branch. The scope of work includes replacement of the superstructure as it is rated in fair condition. The bridge will not include sidewalks but will include 2-3 foot shoulders on each side of the roadway. The previous cost only included preliminary design. This cost includes design and construction costs. The estimated total cost has been updated to reflect the full scope of work. Engineering funds through NEPA were authorized in FY 2023. FY 2025 funds are for final design through advertisement.

Change: This action adds \$100,000 in STBG funds (\$80,000 federal/\$20,000 local match) in FY 2025 for engineering. This funding increase is necessary to complete final design and to advertise the project proposal. The estimated total project cost remains \$1.825 million.

MD 170: Norcross Lane to Wieker Road (TIP ID# 61-2303-41) Non-exempt

Description: This project will provide additional northbound and southbound through lanes along MD 170 from Norcross Lane to Wieker Road, and a raised median to control left turn movements. This project also includes bicycle and pedestrian improvements, stormwater management facilities, road resurfacing, installation of traffic signs and pavement markings, traffic signal reconstruction, and landscaping.

Change: This action adds \$1.728M (\$1.611M federal/\$0.117M state match) in NHPP funds for planning and engineering in Fiscal Years 2025-2028. This change updates the design and right-of-way acquisition schedule. The increase in cost will reflect funding increases proposed with the project and revised cost estimates. The total project cost increases to \$20.141M.

Patapsco Road Bridge over East Branch Patapsco River (TIP ID# 14-2201-13) Exempt

Description: This project includes replacement of the existing 1-span bridge with a new structure, including abutments. The new bridge will be a single span, 42'-0" long, adjacent pre-stressed concrete slab bridge with two 10' travel lanes and two 2'-4" shoulders. Engineering for this project was funded in FY 2023 and FY 2024.

Change: This action shifts remaining engineering funds (\$439,000 federal/\$14,000 local) to FY 2025. These funds were originally programmed in FY 2023 and FY 2024. There is no change in total engineering funding. The estimated total cost remains at \$2.54 million.

The Executive Committee approved the three administrative modifications after some discussion.

3. OTHER

- BMC sought approval of a contract for data. The cost would be borne out of a BMC account that allocates \$750,000 in UPWP funds for various consultant and data purchases. BMC proposed to renew an annual agreement (\$47,500) with Bentley Open Paths on their cell phone location based services to identify real time travel patterns.
 - Members were interested in this data and expressed interest in a briefing. BMC will also reach out to SHA to see if they wish to partner and purchase data jointly for the rest of the state.
- BMC staff has worked with MDOT and our neighboring MPOs on a letter to identify overlapping planning areas and have developed a letter that identifies areas where population is "swapped" with the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB). This letter, once signed, will be sent to our federal partners to document the coordination.
 - This letter requires signatures from the chair of BRTB as well as MDOT.
- BMC shared progress on the Scenario Planning project with an update on the schedule and a potential budget modifications. The original invitations for early March were cancelled and have been shifted to mid-March. There is likely a cost associated with additional modeling support which will be brought to a future meeting.

- BMC discussed the procedure for holding or cancelling meetings based upon bad weather. The current policy is that if Baltimore County schools are closed, or close during the day, we cancel any BRTB or subcommittee meeting (delays do not trigger a cancellation).
 - The members discussed the pros and cons of the policy on member participation, public participation, and moving any in person meeting to virtual on such “virtual learning” days. A revised policy will be prepared and distributed.

There were no other items for discussion.

MEMBERS

Geoff Anderson – Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)

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