The Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore Region

INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP
May 13, 2020
9:30 to 10:15 A.M.

Meeting held through webinar/telephone service only.
Call-in information was available to the public.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 A.M. by Ms. Sara Tomlinson (BMC).

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Tomlinson welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Attendees were then asked to introduce themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2020 MINUTES

The ICG was asked to review the minutes of the April 1st ICG meeting. Ms. Alex Brun (MDE) made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Alex Rawls (BRTB) seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. CONFORMITY DETERMINATION OF MAXIMIZE 2045 AND THE 2021-2024 TIP

Ms. Tomlinson presented the results of the regional emissions results for the conformity determination. The analysis was conducted by both BMC staff and MDE staff. The results were displayed in two charts shared online with attendees. This first chart displayed emissions estimated for years 2021, 2025, 2035, and 2035 for both volatile organic compounds (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) in tons per summer day. Emissions were estimated using the EPA's MOVES2014a model. The second chart displayed annual emissions of greenhouse gases from onroad transportation in the Baltimore region, in each of the four modeled horizon years. Both charts included data on estimated vehicle miles of travel annual for each of the horizon years.

Ms. Tomlinson reminded the members that inputs into the model included vehicle population, fuel, and meteorological data from 2017, which was the same as what was used last year. New socioeconomic data, the Round 9A cooperative forecast, was used.

The members approved the draft results for sharing as part of the public comment process on the conformity determination.

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Voting: City of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford County, Howard County, Queen Anne's County, MD Department of Transportation and Harford Transit. Non-Voting: MD Department of the Environment, MD Department of Planning, and MD Transit Administration.

[Presentation: Regional Emissions Analysis Results, Conformity Determination of the 2021-2024 TIP and Max2045]

4. ROUND 9A SOCIOECONOMIC DATA

Mr. Shawn Kimberly (BMC) presented information on the latest draft cooperative forecast socioeconomic data for the Baltimore region. This data, Round 9A, is an update from the Round 9 data. When there is a letter update in the name, rather than a number update, not all jurisdictions are required to submit new household, employment, and population data. For Round 9A, the three counties updating their data included Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, and Howard County. They updated their household and population data. While some of the projections for these three counties changed in the next decade or so, by the end of the projections in 2045, there is not much difference in the overall projections.

[Presentation: Round 9A Socioeconomic Cooperative Forecast Data]

5. MEMBER UPDATES

BRTB
Mr. Rawls reported that the BRTB approved the latest UPWP at their May 1st meeting. Also, MDOT has requested that the BRTB delay the TIP one month; the delay is due to MTA's financial reporting. The BRTB granted a one-month delay.

The MPO certification review for the BRTB has concluded. A draft report will be provided to BMC staff at the end of May for an accuracy check. A report to the BRTB is expected at a meeting later in the summer.

MDOT, FTA Region 3, FHWA Maryland Division, EPA Region 3, and MDE did not have any updates.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

The members were asked if they had any other business to discuss. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

ATTENDANCE

Members
Kwame Arhin – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - Maryland Division
Alex Brun – Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)
Virginia Burke – Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)

Ryan Long – Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region 3
Alex Rawls – Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB)

Staff and Guests
Regina Aris - Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)
Charles Baber - BMC
Cindy Burch – BMC
Jim Frazier – Michael Baker
Dan Janousek – MDOT
Todd Lang - BMC
Sara Tomlinson – BMC
Marcia Ways - MDE