

INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION GROUP

April 2, 2025
9:30 – 10:15AM

Hybrid Meeting

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Ms. Anna Marshall (BMC).

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Marshall welcomed members and guests to the meeting, and reminded members that the previous meeting minutes from February were approved via email.

2. CONFORMITY DETERMINATION OF THE 2026-2029 TIP

Ms. Ndemazea Fonkem (BMC) shared a PowerPoint and discussed the proposed updates to the 2026-2029 TIP, including 7 new projects being added, for a total of 171 projects: 150 of them as exempt and 21 as non-exempt for air quality conformity requirements. The 7 new projects are all proposed exempt projects from conformity analysis. 4 of the projects are in Baltimore City, 2 are with the Maryland Port Administration, and 1 with SHA. 3 of the projects in Baltimore City are bicycle/pedestrian facilities, which are exempt. The West Baltimore United project is a planning and technical study. The MPA projects include improvements at the Dundalk Marine Terminal (DMT) and a zero emission electric locomotive replacement at the Curtis Bay CSX facility. The DMT project is to improve Berth 11-13. Berth 11 is in critical condition and needed to be closed for safety, so this project is to repair and reconstruct 600 linear feet of Berths 11-13. There was discussion about how long Berth 11 has been closed due to safety concerns, and BMC will follow up with this. The SHA project is MD 26 over Liberty Reservoir to reconstruct the bridge, without any additional travel lanes. This project is standalone from the area-wide bridge replacement TIP project because of its cost.

ICG members reviewed one existing non-exempt project in Howard County, the Snowden River Parkway project. The project had a change in scope, adding the design and implementation of multi-modal components along Broken Land parkway, but ICG decided to keep it labeled as non-exempt because the new description didn't specify whether or not the roadway widening from 4 to 6 lanes was still included in the project. Any capacity increase is not exempt from conformity analysis.

Ms. Marshall asked for a motion and a second to approve the conformity status of the new projects in the 2026-2029 TIP. Ms. Catherine Salarano (MDE) made a motion, and Ms. Sophia Cortazzo (MDOT) seconded it. The members then unanimously voted to approve the conformity status of the projects in the 2026-2029 TIP.

3. 2025-2028 TIP AMENDMENTS

Ms. Fonkem presented 2 proposed 2025-2028 TIP amendments. One is in Carroll County, the Upper Beckleysville Road Bridge project over Murphy Run. There are no capacity increases, the amendment added funds for engineering, to help the County complete final engineering for the project. The second amendment is the Rural Transit Systems – Operating Assistance project. This project supports transit operations in Carroll and Baltimore Counties, and the amendment added funds for transit system operations. Both projects remain exempt from air quality conformity.

Ms. Marshall asked for a motion and a second to approve the exempt conformity status of the 2 2025-2028 TIP Amendments. Ms. Cortazzo made a motion, and Ms. Salarano seconded it. The members then unanimously voted to approve the motion.

4. MEMBER UPDATES

ICG members were given the opportunity to provide updates.

- **BRTB** – At the last BRTB meeting, MDTA presented information about the Bay Crossing (NEPA Tier 2 Study). Cooperating and participating agencies signed off on the Alternates Retained for Detailed Study (ARDS) in late March. In the fall of 2025, MDTA will publish a draft Notice of Environmental Impact Statement and hold public meetings.
- **MDE** – MDE shared updates about the SIP, RACM, and the MOVES modeling timeline. Everything is progressing as it should, and a draft of the new SIP for the serious nonattainment reclassification will be ready by the end of the year.
- **MDOT** – MDOT shared updates about congestion management included in the CMAQ program due to the Key Bridge collapse, which includes transit incentives and ridesharing incentives. After the collapse, there was an increase in congestion around other areas of the city and harbor crossings.
- **FHWA** – Ms. Jasmine Champion didn't have any updates.
- **FTA** – No updates at this time.
- **EPA Region 3** – No updates at this time.

It was confirmed that the next ICG meeting will be a virtual meeting on May 7th at 9:30 A.M. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Jasmine Champion – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) MD Division

Sophia Cortazzo – Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)

Catherine Salarano – Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)

Brian Ulrich – Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB)

Staff and Guests

Anna Marshall – Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)

Keith Kucharek – BMC

Regina Aris – BMC

Ndemazea Fonkem – BMC

Marcia Ways – MDE

Charles Baber – BMC

Md. Mokhlesur Rahman – BMC