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Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

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The Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore Region

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
December 3, 2019
9:32 to 11:16 A.M.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 A.M. by Mr. David Cookson.

1. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 5, 2019 MINUTES

Mr. Cookson asked for approval of the minutes from the November meeting of the Technical Committee. Mr. Dan Janousek moved to approve the minutes with Mr. Kwaku Duah seconding the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION ON RESOLUTION #20-9

Ms. Regina Aris began with a refresher on this Plan which is updated every five years and is geared towards the elderly and people with disabilities. The Plan serves as guidance for making project selections under the FTA Section 5310 Program. In August, MDOT MTA's consultant held a one-day workshop for the Baltimore region to get input on gaps in existing transportation services and then strategies to overcome the gaps. Subsequently a draft Plan was provided to the individuals who attended the workshop for comment.

The presentation highlighted the updated demographics as well as several new strategies that have been proposed. Staff recommended two minor changes to two of the strategies and also provided members with the specific pages that pertain to their jurisdictions. Once all comments are in the final will be presented to the BRTB later in December.

Mr. Cookson asked for a motion from the Technical Committee. Mr. Dan Janousek made a motion to send Resolution #20-9 to the BRTB as presented and Mr. Kwaku Duah seconded the motion with unanimous support from the members.

[PowerPoint: Updating the Coordinated Public Transit – human Services Transportation Plan]

3. BMC PRESENTATION: TPM1 – SAFETY PERFORMANCE MESURES

Ms. Cindy Burch presented recent crash data trends in the region and discussed updating the Transportation Performance Measures for Safety (TPM1). She shared that crashes and fatalities have declined in the Baltimore Region, from 2017-2018, at a faster pace than the

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state. In 2018, approximately one in five fatalities in the region were speed-related and close to one in three fatalities were related to distracted driving, impaired driving, or involved pedestrians.

Ms. Burch explained the federal requirement that MPOs set safety targets within 180 days of the state submitting targets to FHWA (August 30). This is the third time the BRTB will be setting targets and has set regional targets in the past, instead of adopting the state targets. The state safety targets are part of the state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Highway Safety Plan, and Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Staff recommended that the forthcoming resolution apply the state target-setting methodology, *Toward Zero Deaths* with a 50% reduction from 2008 to 2030, to regional crash data. This will align with Resolutions #18-08 and #19-16.

Ms. Burch and Ms. Regina Aris also discussed current projects undertaken by the BRTB related to safety, including local strategic planning, Complete Streets policies, and the Look Alive campaign. Committee members continued to discuss ideas for safety projects, ask questions of the data analysis, and make suggestions for a more visual representation of the data for the next meeting.

[PowerPoint: Safety Performance Target Setting]

4. MDOT PRESENTATION: PLANNING FOR EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

Ms. Colleen Turner, Assistant Director, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, Maryland Department of Transportation, presented information on MDOT's efforts to plan for emerging technologies in terms of state and local partnerships. This includes work conducted by the Connected and Automated Vehicles (CAV) Working Group. Some of this work focuses on designating locations in the state to serve as CAV testing sites. (See website at http://www.mva.maryland.gov/safety/MarylandCAV/.)

Most of the presentation described MDOT's efforts to plan for and incorporate electric vehicles (EVs) into the state's transportation system. Several slides focused on the significant increase in the numbers of EVs from 2012 to 2020, including a look over time at EV registrations by zip code, EV registrations by make and model, and the number of EV fuel stations and charging outlets.

Ms. Turner also gave an overview of MDOT's efforts to provide local jurisdictions throughout the state with opportunities to share planning innovations, communicate their needs, and access educational materials related to emerging technologies. These efforts include administering surveys to get input from local jurisdictions and conducting informational webinars.

[PowerPoint: Preparing for Emerging Technologies - State and Local Partnerships]

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- 2021 – 2024 TIP Schedule - Mr. Zach Kaufman distributed the schedule for the 2021-2024 TIP and discussed key dates with the members. The call for projects will start in early January, with new and updated project information due to BMC by February 28. The draft TIP will be open for public comment from mid-May through mid-June, with a vote by the BRTB planned for July 2020.

[PowerPoint: 2021-2024 TIP]

- Comment on November Building Permit Presentation – Ms. Jade Clayton, on behalf of MDOT MTA stated that her colleague shared information at MDOT MTA from the November TC meeting. As a result, MDOT MTA is going to prepare two case studies of how to use building permit information as it relates to impacts on transit routes. This information can be shared in January or February with the TC if t here is interest. Following that discussion they are looking for an opportunity to share with the BRTB, possibly in April.

ATTENDANCE

Members
Alex Brun – Maryland Department of the Environment
Ken Choi – Maryland Department of Planning
Jade Clayton (for Zach Chissell) – Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA)
Steve Cohoon – Queen Anne's County Department of Public Works
Angelica Daniel – Baltimore County
David Cookson – Howard County Office of Transportation
Kwaku Duah – Annapolis Department of Transportation
Dan Janousek – Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Linda Taylor Newton (for Graham Young) – Baltimore City Department of Transportation
Lisa Sirota – State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA)
Brian Ulrich (for Martha Arzu McIntosh) – Anne Arundel County Office of Transportation

Staff and Guests
Regina Aris – Baltimore metropolitan Council (BMC)
Robert Berger – BMC
Cindy Burch - BMC
Blake Fisher - BMC
Terry Freeland - BMC
Don Halligan – BMC
Victor Henry - BMC
Zach Kaufman – BMC
Eileen Singleton - BMC
Sara Tomlinson - BMC
Colleen Turner - MDOT