MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD

April 23, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Wilde Lake High School Cafeteria,
5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia MD 21044

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AGENDA

Regular monthly meeting

1. Approval of the March 26, 2019 Minutes

2. Public Comment

3. Special Guest:
   i. Kris Jagarapu, P.E.,
      Chief, Bureau of Highways, Howard County Department of Public Works
      Road sweeping procedures in Howard County

4. Announcements/Updates
   i. Transit Development Plan Implementation

5. New Business
   i. Complete Streets Policy update
   ii. Bicycle Infrastructure project in the proposed FY20 capital budget

6. Adjournment

Future MTB Meetings Dates

May 28, 2019
June 25, 2019
1. **Approval of Agenda** (minute :01)

   Alice Giles moved to approve the agenda. Rich Wilson seconded the motion. David Zinner requested to add an agenda item for suggestions on future agenda items. The agenda was approved as amended.

2. **February 26, 2019 Minutes** (minute :01)

   David Zinner moved to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2019 Multimodal Transportation Board (MTB) meeting. Rick Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. **Future Agenda Items Suggestions** (added agenda item) (minute :02)

   David Zinner suggested adding a discussion about road maintenance, specifically cul-de-sac and main road cleaning to a future agenda. Chris Eatough said Kris Jagarapu, Head of Bureau of Highways will attend the next meeting on April 23rd. Chris Eatough asked David Zinner to send him a list of specific items to be sent to Kris Jagarapu prior to the next meeting.

   David Zinner suggested interim field trips between board meetings to visit locations of future proposals.
David Zinner said he would like information regarding traffic counts. David Cookson said the State does continuous traffic counts on various state roads, Department of Public Works will do traffic counts in response to citizen concerns, and the private sector will also perform traffic counts, usually related to development.

4. **Public Comments** (minute :09)

There were no public comments.

5. **Announcements/Updates** (minute :09)

   i. **Transit Development Plan Implementation** (minute :09)

      Chris Eatough announced the Regional Transit Agency (RTA) new route changes are approved and will begin May 5th. Howard County and the RTA are finalizing print material and scheduling public outreach events to inform riders of the changes. Information will also be in newspapers and on social media. Jason Quan said transitrta.com will have the information in about a week.

   ii. **Land Development Updates** (minute :14)

      Rashidi Jackson gave two land development updates. Simpson Oaks plan has been approved and includes a buffered bike lane along Grace Drive. Regarding Elkridge Crossing, the Office of Transportation is asking for revised plans due to sidewalk issues.

      As requested by David Zinner, David Cookson described the development review process. The Subdivision Review Committee (SRC), an advisory group consisting of technical agencies in the county, meet and comments on development plans. The Office of Transportation concentrates on bicycle and pedestrian improvements as well as transit.

6. **New Business** (minute :33)

   i. **Priority Letter** (minute :33)

      David Cookson presented the final draft of the priority letter, which outlines the county’s priorities for state transportation funding in the Maryland Department of Transportation’s six-year Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). David Cookson went on to describe the items within the letter including projects requesting funding and said the county executive is in the process of signing the priority letter.
ii. **MTA Regional Transit Plan Survey** (minute 1:13)

Chris announced an online public survey regarding the Regional Transit Development Plan which can be found at rtp.mta.maryland.gov. The purpose of the survey is to look for public input regarding transit in the region. Jason Quan said the process is in the beginning stages. There has been one commission meeting, one staff meeting, and tomorrow, March 27th will be the first public meeting.

iii. **Capital and Operating Budgets** (agenda order change) (minute 1:24)

Chris Eatough said the capital and operating budgets have not been finalized for the County. Office of Transportation’s request has been submitted to include funding for the RTA and a request for $50,000 toward bus stop improvements. David Zinner asked how the budget effects the bicycle and pedestrian plans. Chris Eatough said the capital improvement projects for bicycle and pedestrians are budget items for Department of Public Works or Department of Recreation & Parks. Chris said we would know more next meeting.

It was noted that the March 28, 2019 meeting listed on the agenda should be May 28, 2019.

iv. **Discussion of potential student bus pass program** (minute 1:28)

Alice Giles provided an overview of information presented in a handout to members regarding the possibility of free student bus passes. Some concerns included issues with validating and tracking passes, expansion to other counties, and the impact on revenue. David Zinner said it would be informative for the MTB to see an annual financial statement of the RTA to understand the financial impact of the bus passes. The MTB also requested the cost for single use daily passes and Alice Giles and Rick Wilson have agreed to come up with a proposal for a pilot bus pass program.

7. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm. The next MTB meeting is scheduled April 23, 2019.

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Chris Eatough Date 4/4/2019
Executive Secretary

Lauren Frank Date 4/4/2019
Office of Transportation
### Glossary

- **BLP**: Broken Land Parkway
- **BMC**: Baltimore Metropolitan Council
- **CMAQ**: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant program
- **Cons.**: Construction
- **D. & E**: Design & Engineering
- **DPW**: Department of Public Works
- **Fees, Study**: Feasibility Study
- **HHB**: Hickory Ridge Road
- **LPP**: Little Patuxent Parkway
- **SHA**: Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration
- **SUP**: Shared-Use Pathway
- **TAP**: Transportation Alternatives Program grant program

### Proposed Projects

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### Revisions

This revision of the BikeHoward Express draft project implementation schedule has the following changes as compared to the previous version:

- Acceleration of the South Entrance Trail project by funding the design fully with County money, to reduce the complexity and time required for a future grant.
- Inclusion of the rest of the Dobbin Road sidepath project for D. & E. to 30% in FY2020 instead of FY2021.
- Acceleration of the Columbia Road complete streets project by funding eradication of lines to avoid waiting until the road is resurfaced at a point TBD.
- Inclusion of the US 1 Sidelpath at Guilford Road project, which was not in the previous version.
- Inclusion of BLP, Hickory Ridge Road, Martin Road and Harriet Tubman Lane improvements in FY2020.
- Inclusion of BLP/FYD 32 park-and-ride access improvements design in FY2020, which was not in the previous version.
- Inclusion of Countywide bicycle wayfinding, which was not in the previous version.
- Inclusion of the Sanner Road improvements project, which was ongoing but had not previously been considered part of BikeHoward Express.