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St. Mary's County
Todd B. Morgan, County Commissioner

C-SMMPO Council Meeting Minutes **Friday, March 6, 2020** **10:30 AM – 1:30 PM**

Lexington Park Library
21677 FDR Boulevard, Room A
Lexington Park, MD 20653

Meeting Open to the Public

C-SMMPO Council Chair – Todd B. Morgan

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 AM.

2.0 Quorum Assessment

Todd Morgan, Chair; Steve Weems, Vice Chair; Dan Janousek, MDOT;

3.0 Introductions & Guests (If Any)

Todd Morgan, Chair; Steve Weems, Vice Chair; Dan Janousek, MDOT; John Norris, County Attorney Calvert County; Carolyn Sunderland, Deputy Director, Calvert County; Tamara Blake-Wallace, Calvert County; Bill Hunt, Director, St. Mary's LUGM; Kwasi Bosompem, Senior Planner, St. Mary's LUGM; Ben Cohen, MPO Planner, St. Mary's LUGM; John Deatricks, Director, St. Mary's DPWT; Jacqueline Fournier, St. Mary's DPWT; George Clark, Tri-County Council, Sabrina Hecht, NAS PAX; Tim Chelius, CH Planning.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

- 4.1 *Approval of Minutes from the June 12, 2019 C-SMMPO Council Meeting.*
Motion made by Steve Weems seconded by Todd Morgan, vote: 3-0 to approve.

5.0 Action Items

- 5.1 *Adoption and resolution to approve the Moving Forward 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan*
Motion to approve was made by Dan Janousek with the addition of the Calvert County illustrative projects and to add in one change made to the plan per Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). It was noted that the plan does not need to be in compliance with the air quality conformity standards for PM 2.5, PM 10, and CO, but must be compliant with NOX and VOC standards. The plan is in compliance with NOX and VOC standards through the TPB through Calvert County. The TPB approved their long-range plans and air conformity last year. This plan is in compliance with that air

conformity. It was noted that the upcoming TIP will need to be in compliance with the TPB's upcoming air conformity which will be updated March 18. Mr. Janousek noted that the plan includes all required federal planning elements and congestion management elements. Technical Advisory Committee had no opposition to the plan. Motion to approve by Todd Morgan seconded by Dan Janousek, vote 3-0 to approve. Resolution No. 01-2020 signed and approved.

5.2 *Draft Resolution to Approve Moving Forward 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan*

5.3 *Submission of LRTP Moving Forward 2045 to MDOT/FHWA*

6.0 Discussion Items

6.1 *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP-2021-2024) Work Update*

The TAC and Council members reviewed the project timeline and were advised that the dates were tentative. The TAC/Council was made aware that the current meeting represents a TAC meeting and Council review meeting for the TIP 2021-2024 update. MDOT will provide many of the documents, including the Performance Measures, Air Quality Determination, and MDOT's letter of financial capacity. MTA and SHA are working on the project submission for the TIP update and will provide a draft list for the TAC to review. The counties were also asked to submit any of their direct federal funded projects, such as bridge projects, to be considered for inclusion in the TIP. John Deatruck asked how this relates to his priority letter which he is drafting to send to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County. Dan Janousek responded that MDOT will be looking at last year's priority letter and they will be pulling from the current fiscal year's CTP. It was noted that the TIP can be amended at any time to reflect the priority letter. The objective is to approve the TIP update by the end of May or early June. MDOT is looking to go to a two-year STIP approval and future TIPs will be updated every two years in July or August. It was noted that the Thomas Johnson Bridge replacement is not on the CIP. Due to this fact, Calvert County is adjusting its priority letter to reflect projects other than the bridge replacement. Emphasis was placed on the need for collaboration between all interested parties to ensure proper project prioritization. The letter from MDOT stating that there is the financial capacity to cover all the projects in the TIP will arrive in April.

6.2 *Council Meeting to Adopt TIP in May 2020*

The aim is for the TIP to be completed by April 30, followed by a TAC meeting to review the TIP around May 15. A Council meeting to approve the TIP should occur around June 1. It was also noted that future meetings may need to be by video conference in response to the current health crisis.

6.3 *UPWP Work Update*

The Council and TAC were updated on the status of the current UPWP projects. The Lexington Manor Park Plan, Navy Base Multimodal Study, Bus Stop Study, and Airport Innovation District Master Plan have all been completed. The St. Andrews Church Road Improvement Study should be completed by the end of March. MDOT has sent the planning funds distribution letter for the upcoming UPWP update. Calvert County will provide the amount of carryover funding available to determine the total UPWP budget. This UPWP budget will be significantly smaller than last year's

and is expected to be approximately \$150,000.00, to cover staff and projects. The UPWP call for projects will end on April 1. The UPWP document will be updated by April 30, followed by the public notice of the May 15, TAC meeting. UPWP will be posted for the 15-day public comment period on the C-SMMPO website from about May 15 through May 29.

6.4 *Council Meeting to Adopt UPWP in May/ June 2020*

The UPWP and TIP processes will be running concurrently, and they will both be addressed at the same TAC and Council meetings. A public notice will be placed on May 15 for the Council meeting on June 1 to adopt the UPWP.

7.0 Other Business

Commissioner Morgan asked the status of bus on the base. Sabrina Hecht stated they have been trying to update their regular contract, but they keep bridging the contract. The taxi, as they call it, is part of their general maintenance contract and they cannot add it until that contract is complete. They are looking to partner through an IGSA with another county in an attempt to find a faster and cheaper solution. The service is for an on-demand taxi service to move personnel around the base and between other base sites.

8.0 Public Comment

9.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:21 AM.

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