

Chesapeake Bay Bridge Reconstruction Advisory Group (BBRAG)
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 5, 2020
OPEN SESSION
Sean Powell, Acting Chair

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Jack Broderick
Hamilton Chaney
Nicholas Deoudes
Barbara Hitchings
Michael Lord
Pat Lynch
Jim Moran
Jim Ports
Sean Powell
Kurt Riegel
Tim Smith
Tracy Shulz
Steve Wilson

STAFF ATTENDING: Melissa Bogdan
Natalie Henson
Courtney Highsmith
Richard Jaramillo
Charles Kenny
April King
Heather Lowe
Kelly Melhem
Kim Millender
Mary O'Keeffe
Will Pines
Robert Rager
Mike Rice
Brad Ryon
Steven Zawodny

OTHER ATTENDEES: Joey Sagal, MDOT SHA
Kenneth Fender, District 2 Engineer, MDOT SHA
Steve Cohoon, Public Facilities Planner, Queen Anne's County DPW
Amanda Fiedler, Anne Arundel County Councilor District 5

At 6:01p.m. Acting Chair Sean Powell called the meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Reconstruction Advisory Group (BBRAG) to order. With this open meeting being done via conference call, a roll call of participants was taken by Mr. Powell to ensure the minutes accurately reflected those persons on the call and to ensure a quorum of the BBRAG was present.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Powell opened the meeting by providing an overview of the meeting agenda and on behalf of the Secretary of Transportation Greg Slater, expressed appreciation to the members for serving on the Advisory Group. Mr. Powell stated he would chair this meeting pursuant to the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair whose terms begin at the subsequent meeting.

HOUSE BILL 56 REVIEW AND REQUIREMENTS

MDTA Manager of Government Relations Mr. Bradley Ryon provided an overview of House Bill 56 as passed by the Maryland General Assembly during its 2020 session. Mr. Ryon detailed the bill's requirements regarding the BBRAG's functions and role, the composition of its membership, and its duties and responsibilities. Mr. Ryon noted that the bill was passed as an emergency measure and therefore took effect on July 1, 2020.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

MDTA Principal Counsel Kim Millender stated that it is for the members to decide who will be the Chair and Vice-Chair with a motion, a second and a simple majority vote. Member Hitchings nominated Mr. Tracy Schulz for the position of Chair with a second from Member Ports. A unanimous vote was recorded in favor of Mr. Schulz. Member Schulz nominated Ms. Barbara Hitchings for the position of Vice-Chair with a second from Member Lynch. A unanimous vote was recorded in favor of Ms. Hitchings.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT COMPLIANCE

MDTA Principal Counsel Kim Millender provided an overview of the Maryland Open Meetings Act ("OMA") and detailed why and how it covers meetings of the BBRAG. Ms. Millender stated that according to the OMA, the BBRAG must designate at least one member to receive training and attain a certificate for said training. It was suggested that all members undertake the training. Ms. Melissa Bogdan is to distribute information regarding the training to the BBRAG members. Members Hitchings and Lord volunteered to be the designees and were confirmed with a unanimous vote. Ms. Millender stated that the designated members have 90 days to take the training but recommended they do so prior to the next BBRAG meeting if it occurs sooner than that.

DRAFTING OF BYLAWS

MDTA Principal Counsel Kim Millender reviewed the draft Bylaws and described the sections of the draft document for discussion. The BBRAG discussed amendments to the meeting schedule and location, the preferences of members for meeting notification, and whether members should be able to call in to a meeting if they cannot attend in person. It was requested that the Bylaws state that minutes be prepared and sent to members within 30 days of a meeting. The BBRAG decided to include provisions for majority voting and whether a vacancy counts towards the quorum. Ms. Millender stated that the Bylaws will be revised and sent to members for review prior to a vote at the next meeting. The BBRAG indicated general consensus with the proposed amendments to the draft Bylaws with a final review and vote to occur at the next meeting.

Member Deoudes made a motion to schedule meetings for the first Wednesday of each quarter beginning with the next calendar quarter which was seconded by Member Schulz. It was decided that the year should begin in January 2021 with a meeting in the interim in the fall. He proposed a meeting in October 2020.

MDTA & MDOT SHA PROJECT UPDATES

MDTA Chief Engineer, Will Pines, provided the BBRAG a status update on the 15 active projects at the Bay Bridges in the Capital Program. Mr. Pines explained that as of August 5, 2020, there are 2 projects in design, 3 in procurement, and 10 projects with ongoing construction. Mr. Pines provided additional construction details on the status of the BB-2819, BB-3008, BB-2726 and BB-3014 contracts, including a presentation of the use of steel plates for the joint replacements in BB-2819 that described the multi-night operations and the necessity of the steel plates for the work to keep all lanes open. Mr. Pines demonstrated that the only available alternative to using the steel plates for the joint replacement work is to close the span, which is not possible at this time of year.

Bay Bridge Capital Projects - August 2020 Update

Pin	Contract No.	Description	AD	NTP	Budget (Thousands \$)	Ant. Completion	Design (D), Procurement (P), or Construction (C) Phases
2228	BB-2466	Cable Rewrapping & Dehumidification of Cables	7/12/11	8/27/12	60,515	Fall 2020	C
2260	BB-2805R	Clean and Paint Structural Steel of Westbound Bay Bridge - Phase IV	9/15/15	6/1/17	24,686	Fall 2020	C
2329	BB-2757R	Replace 5KV Feeder on EB Span & Redundant Cable	4/16/19	10/15/19	39,593	Fall 2021	C
2342	BB-2754	Rehabilitate Suspension Spans on Westbound Span	3/13/15	7/11/16	42,636	Fall 2020	C
2369	BB-2819	Deck Rehabilitation and Miscellaneous Modifications	3/6/19	9/9/19	33,248	Fall 2021	C
2412	BB-3002	Priority Structural Repairs and Miscellaneous Modifications	7/18/16	4/17/17	23,631	Summer 2021	C
2459	BB-3007	Rehabilitate Maintenance Facilities of Eastbound and Westbound Spans	12/20/19	8/20/20	5,145	Fall 2021	C
2469	BB-3005	Miscellaneous Rehabilitation of the Bay Bridge	10/25/17	7/2/18	9,452	Winter 2020/21	C
2476	BB-3008	Bay Bridge Crossover Automated Lane Closure System	5/24/19	2/3/20	17,943	Fall 2022	C
2481	BB-3009	Police Building Generator Replacement	6/26/19	4/6/20	627	Winter 2020/21	C
2501	BB-3013	On-Call Structural Repairs and Miscellaneous Modifications for Bay Bridge	8/30/19	9/7/20	15,000	Fall 2022	P
2317	BB-2726	Rehabilitate Decks of Eastbound Span - Phase I Deck Widening and Replacement of Deck Truss Spans (Eng. Only)	9/26/19	9/10/20	11,135	Winter 2021/22 (Design)	P
2516	BB-3014	Bay Bridge All Electronic Toll (AET) Conversion	9/11/20	2/1/21	45,591	Spring 2023	P
2470	BB-3004	Construct Project Management Office and Maintenance Equipment Storage Building	10/1/20	5/11/21	4,580	Summer 2022	D
2504	BB-3012	Queue Detection System (Eng. Only)	N/A	N/A	756	N/A	D - SHA Project

The Administrator of MDOT State Highway Administration, Tim Smith provided an overview of current efforts on both shores including the use of messaging to keep traffic on US 50. Member Powell stated that MDTA and MDOT SHA look at the bridge as one part of a corridor and are constantly in contact.

There being no further business, the meeting of the BBRAG was adjourned by a unanimous vote from the members with a motion from Member Schultz and a second from Member Riegel at 7:36p.m. The next meeting will be held on October 7, 2020 at 6:00p.m. via Open Meeting Conference Call.

ATTACHMENTS: HB 56, Draft By-Laws, Open Meetings Act presentation, BB-2819 presentation.