

**Bay Bridge Reconstruction Advisory Group (BBRAG)**  
**Wednesday, November 7, 2018**  
**Scheduled 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**  
**Actual Meeting Duration: 6:10 – 7:41 p.m.**

**Members Present**

Jack Broderick  
Nick Deoudes  
Barbara Hitchings  
Pat Lynch  
Tracy Schulz  
Bill Nevel

**MDTA & MDOT SHA Staff**

Melissa Williams  
Michele Gross  
Melissa Bogdan  
Richard Jaramillo  
Captain David Greene  
Lt. Ariane Warren

**Other Attendees**

Michael Waal  
Dick Ladd

**Media**

N/A

**Handouts**

N/A

**Opening Remarks – 6:16 p.m.**

Mr. Broderick began the meeting and welcomed attendees. Review meeting format is working. Members of the public are welcome, encourages comments by members of the public.

July 18, 2018 minutes were reviewed.

**6:17 p.m. minutes were accepted.**

**Bay Bridge Contra-Flow Operations– 6:20 p.m.**

Mr. Jaramillo presented on the Bay Bridge Contra-Flow Operations. He corrected misinformation in an effort to clarify some confusion after an incident in August of 2018. MDTA Bay Bridge Contra-Flow policy has not changed.

The presentation focused on:

- What is Contra-Flow?

- What are Contra-Flow Operations?
- When is Contra-Flow used?
- Daytime Closures
- Weekday Operations
- Typical Summer Commute
- Wind Policy
- Safety Enhancements
- Multi-Agency Coordination

\*See presentation.

## **MDOT Bay Bridge Community System Preservation Updates – 7:23p.m.**

Mr. Jaramillo provided the following updates on SHA system preservation projects:

### *District 5*

- Starting in about a month SHA will start a project on US 50 from MD 665 to Severn River Bridge to enhance the storm water facility
- SHA is currently out on Busch's Frontage Road trying to restore lighting. SHA anticipates being at this location another month.
- SHA has on order an electrical cabinet for the lights on Bay Dale Drive. We expect the cabinet to be delivered within the next 4 to 5 weeks. Once we get the cabinet it should take about a week to get lighting working at 100%.
- SHA is currently addressing lighting issues at the Harry S. Truman Park and Ride. We expect to have all lights working at this location in about 2 weeks.

### *District 2*

- Mostly quiet on the shore. Should finish westbound US 50 paving from MD 662 to MD 404 by next week.
- Indirectly related – the project to replace two MD 213 bridges in Centreville is underway and will feature a few weekend closures/detours, dates TBD. This will impact US 50/301 truck traffic. SHA may use US 50 corridor overhead signs for detour messaging when needed.

Mr. Jaramillo provided the following updates on MDTA Bay Bridge system preservation projects:

- Cleaning & Painting Phase IV – 2-year project is continuing.

- Westbound Suspension Span Cables Rehabilitation work done day and night by boat. 3 months to get reels in place on both sides. Scheduled to be complete on time.

Trying to get contractors an extra hour here and there to make up time.

Mr. Nevel: Are there any updates for AET and re-decking?

Mr. Jaramillo: Rehabilitation project to occur soon - first on Westbound, then the Eastbound. To give you a date would be hard. We will be implementing lessons learned to minimize traffic.

Mr. Broderick: Success to do the work overnight. When there's a will there's a way.

Mr. Nevel: Will there be communications?

Ms. Lynch: We are totally dependent on contra-flow on Saturdays and Sundays. No other efforts for traffic management have worked.

Mr. Broderick: Queen Anne's county presented a proposal to Pete Rahn to be reviewed for legal implications. Bay Bridge Run is a prime example of how collaborative plan can work when we put our heads together. Thank you. Can we have a NEPA study update?

Ms. Williams: Please see last meeting minutes, nothing new to add to that. Meetings will be some time in the Winter.

Mr. Nevel: The coordination plan that is on the website indicates January there will be meeting.

Ms. Williams: Winter.

### **Announcements/Concerns/Updates – 7:26 p.m.**

Mr. Ladd: For the traffic back-up on eastside – can you open the breakdown lane?

Ms. Schulz: 3 lanes go to 2. Shoulders are not built to specifications as a lane for traffic.

Mr. Ladd: Where is the balance for visual back up stretches and volumes?

Mr. Ladd: How do we build in the need for contra-flow into the Study? It will be the same issue no matter how many lanes are increased.

Mr. Waal: Work appears to be done for the Middletown Bypass. It looks like it could open up. It's about \$35 less on tolls but it is longer distance. Diesel prices will be taken in to account.

### **Meeting Adjourned – 7:38 p.m.**