Bay Bridge Monitoring Committee
May 27, 2020
Meeting Summary

The Kent County Bay Bridge Monitoring Committee (BBMC) met on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. via conference bridge. The meeting was also live streamed in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room in the R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr. Government Center in Chestertown, Maryland. The following committee members attended the meeting: Ralph Dolinger and Thomas Tontarski. BBMC Kent County staff included Bill Mackey, Person of Contact/Planning Director; and Sandy Adams who clerked the meeting. No members of the public spoke at the meeting via the County's phone conference bridge.

There were not enough committee members present to constitute a quorum; therefore, no motions were made for approving the January 13, 2020 meeting summary. The two members present at the meeting did, however, agree that the January meeting summary is a valid recap of the meeting.

The following discussion took place at today's meeting:

- The Committee wanted to know if any updates have been received from the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). Mr. Mackey said he has not received any updates with regard to the 3rd span. He said he believes Phase 1 of the NEPA Study is still the current news and is ongoing. He conveyed to the Committee that any information he receives will be forwarded to them.
- Mr. Mackey said he has received responses back from half of the Committee members with regard to the email he sent out pertaining to member reappointments. He said he will forward the responses to the County Commissioners.
- Mr. Mackey informed the Committee that at a recent County Commissioners' meeting, Mr. Mike Waal gave a recap of the presentation that he made at the BBMC meeting in January.
- Mr. Mackey asked the members how they would like for the Committee to proceed in their roles:
  - Mr. Tontarski said he perceives the Committee's role to be an advisory role to the County Commissioners.
  - Mr. Dolinger said his interest lies with the highways and the rail system, and he continues to follow topics pertaining to Mass transportation.

<u>Committee Business:</u>

- Mr. Mackey informed the Committee that on an annual basis, each County sends a Priority Letter to MDOT. Mr. Mackey said Kent County's letter has been drafted for the County Commissioners meeting agenda. The draft letter includes the County's objection to any span that would enter Kent County. Mr. Mackey agreed to supply the Committee with a copy of the draft letter.
- Sandy Adams will contact the members during the July – September timeframe for scheduling the next meeting date.

<u>Next Meeting (meetings are held quarterly)</u>:
To be announced as scheduled.

The meeting concluded at 10:16 a.m.

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