

Bay Bridge Monitoring Committee
March 27, 2019
Meeting Summary

The Kent County Bay Bridge Monitoring Committee (BBMC) met on Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room in the R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr. Government Center in Chestertown, Maryland. The following committee members attended the meeting: William Sutton and Thomas Tontarski. BBMC Kent County staff included Amy Moredock, Person of Contact/Planning Director; Jim Wright, County Engineer; and Sandy Adams who clerked the meeting.

There were not enough committee members present to constitute a quorum therefore, no motions were made for approving the February meeting summary and no further actions were taken by the Committee.

Steve Cohoon, Queen Anne's County Facilities Planner, and James Moran, President, Queen Anne's County Commissioners, updated the Committee on the activities Queen Anne's County is undertaking in an effort to relieve the impact the Beach to Bay Bridge traffic has on its county residents:

- On March 26, 2019, Queen Anne's County sent a Priority Letter to the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) identifying transportation priorities for Queen Anne's County for inclusion in the 2020-2025 Consolidated Transportation Plan; Commissioner Moran said they are hoping to receive a response back from MDOT within the next 10 days.
- On September 18, 2018, Queen Anne's County submitted a proposed "Beach to Bridge Traffic Plan" to MDOT for their review. The Plan proposes numerous options for relieving congestion on Kent Island and in Grasonville and identifies checkpoints at exits for persuading non-local drivers to refrain from getting on local routes, particularly Route 18, and to stay on Route 50. Commissioner Moran said drivers approaching the checkpoints will be asked for their destination and unless they are utilizing the businesses off of those exits or going to the medical facility, they will be encouraged to stay on Route 50; message boards are also being proposed to inform drivers that Route 18 is open for local traffic only and to stay on Route 50 to keep the traffic flowing. Commissioner Moran shared maps identifying the checkpoint areas and traffic volume statistics.
- A copy of the Kent Island Transportation Plan identifying concepts for better traffic flow and for improving intersections was shared with the Committee.

Committee Business:

No further committee business was conducted.

No audience members were present at the meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

The meeting concluded at 11:35 a.m.