

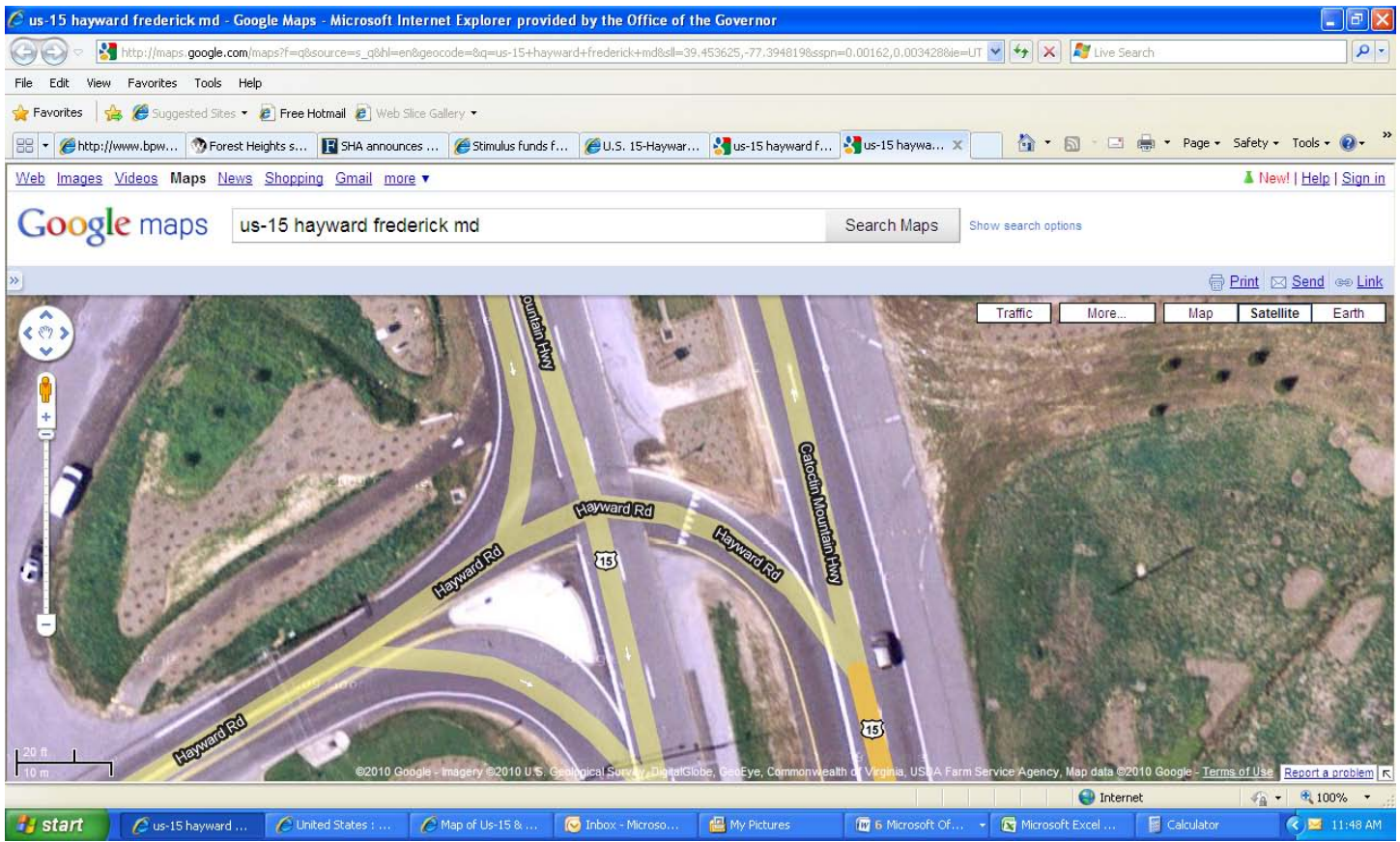
Meeting Summary

Agency: SHA (MDOT)

Following is a summary of issues discussed at the SHA Stat on July 9, 2010. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor's Delivery Unit (GDU).

Follow-Up Items

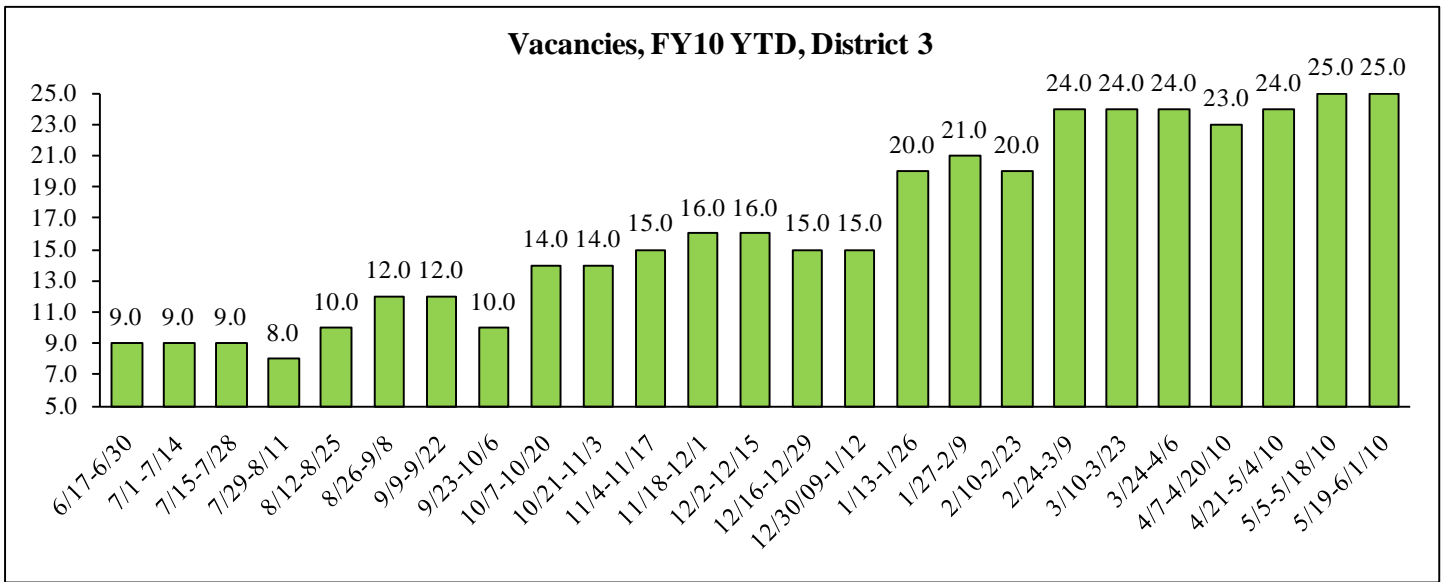
- **Federal Snow Emergency Reimbursements.** The agency is reporting that it has estimated its snow expenses related to the February storm at \$19 million, making its expected reimbursement total \$14.25 million (75% of expenses). All required application forms have already been submitted prior to the July 10th deadline. SHA reports that they expect to have preliminary information on the amount of the reimbursement within the month.
- **US 15/Hayward Rd. Intersection.** After several complaints and a meeting between SHA, state and local Frederick County officials, the agency decided on which safety improvements will be made to the dangerous intersection between US 15 and Hayward Rd. In addition to a project to move the southbound right turn lane from US 15 onto Hayward Rd. north by 400 feet, the agency has decided to reduce the speed limit on southbound US 15 from 55 mph to 50 mph prior to the intersection, and to add warning signs and overhead flashing beacons. The agency decided against adding a traffic light or closing the left turn lane from northbound US 15 to Hayward Rd because these changes would introduce conditions that would likely lead to an increase in the frequency and severity of collisions.
- **Southbound Right Turn Lane Project.** The agency reported that bids for the US 15 southbound right turn lane project were opened on July 1st, and that if no problems with the procurement process arise, that a Notice to Proceed will be issued in September. If construction begins on time, the project should be completed at some point this winter.



- Phase 2D I-70 Interchange Reconstruction Project.** The agency provided an update on the timeline for the Phase 2D I-70 Interchange Reconstruction Project, shown below. It reported that proposals submitted for the design build contract in June have been rated and reviewed, and that discussions with contractors on the proposals occurred on July 8. Revised proposals from the contractors are still due on July 14th. However, the agency reported that the award date is pushed back to August 1st due to a request for more information from the contractors, but that it still expects the Notice to Proceed to be issued by the end of September as originally scheduled.

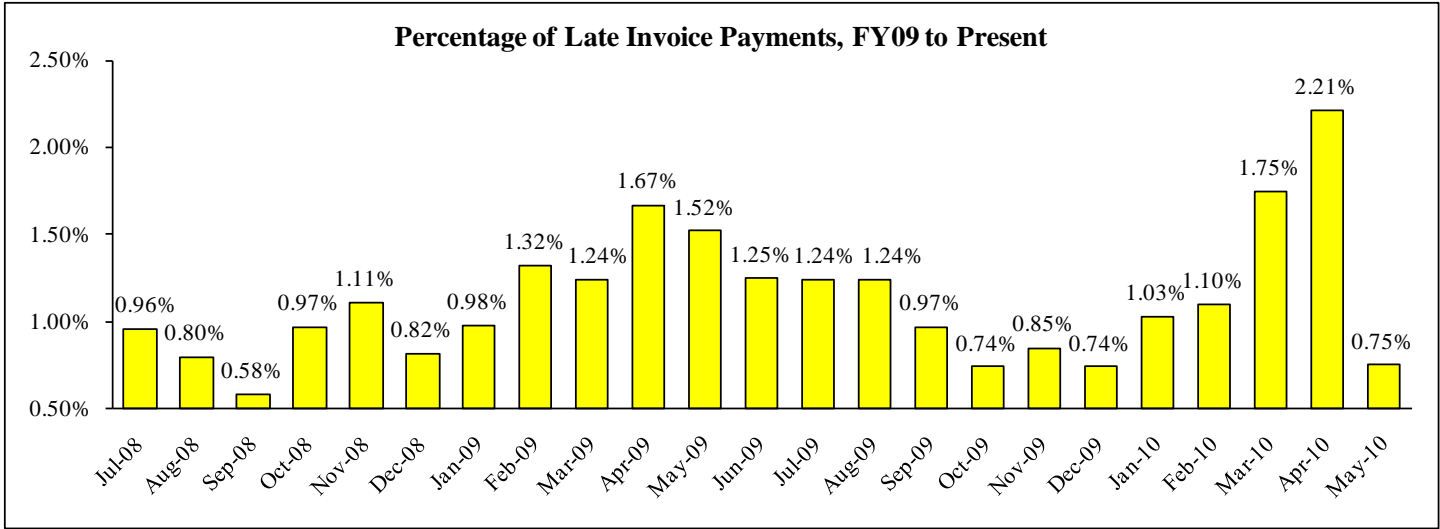
| Phase 2D I-70 S Interchange Reconstruction Timeline | |
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| Event | Expected Date |
| Proposal Discussion Meeting with Bidders | July 8th |
| Revised Proposals Due | July 14th |
| Award Date | End of July |
| Notice to Proceed | End of September (within 60 days of Award Date) |

- District 3 Vacancies.** At the last StateStat meeting, the sharp increase in the number of District 3 vacancies from 23 to 25 over the last three pay periods was discussed. The agency reported at the last StateStat meeting that District 3 traditionally had the highest turnover rate, and that the agency would begin recruitment to fill these vacancies on July 1st. The agency provided an update on this recruitment process, reporting that it has proceeded as scheduled with priority given to filling frontline maintenance positions. Furthermore, discussions are underway to determine what priority to give vacancies agency-wide.



ARRA/Budget and Finance

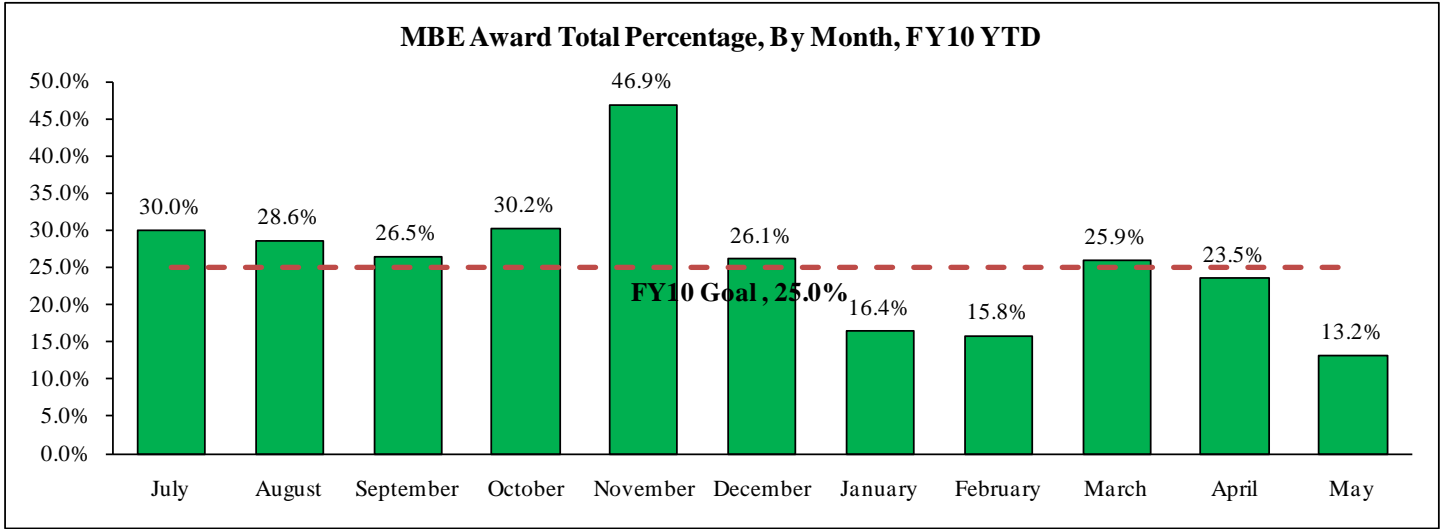
- **Audit Process and Reporting.** The agency discussed its internal auditing procedures for the monitoring of funds received through ARRA. Furthermore, it reported that it has begun efforts to respond to StateStat’s request for additional metrics required for its own oversight of these funds.
- **Jobs Training Grant.** It was reported in March that the agency received a \$240,000 stimulus grant for minority job training in the highway construction industry. The agency reported on its plans for expending this grant and its efforts to contact DLLR to assist in coordinating this effort.
- **Late Invoice Payments.** The percentage of late invoice payments reached its highest point in several months in April, and then fell to a near FY10 low in May as shown below. The agency discussed this data, attributing the sharp increase in March and April to the extremely high number of invoices related to the winter snowstorms.



MBE Procurement

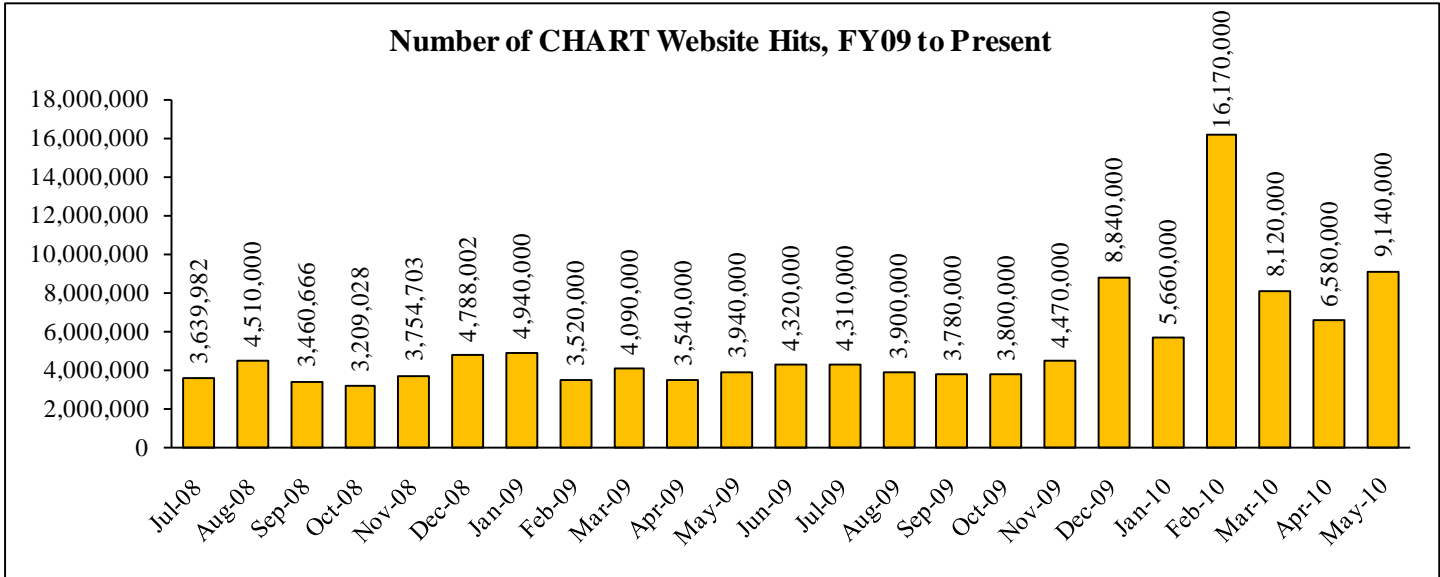
- MBE Goal.** Through May, 25.7% of the agency’s awards have gone to certified minority businesses, placing the agency slightly ahead of the statewide goal of 25%. However, the agency only made 13.2% of its awards to minority businesses in May, which was the lowest total of the fiscal year. After being above the 25% MBE goal in each of the first 6 months of FY10, the agency has been below goal in 4 of the last 5 months. The agency reported that this trend is due to the low volume of projects in the past months and the particular nature of the contracts that are awarded. Despite these shortfalls, the agency reported that it expects to reach the 25% MBE goal for FY10.

| MTA MBE/WBE Participation: FY10 to Date (May) | | | | | | |
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| MBE/WBE Indicators | Agency Total | Ethnic/Disabled | Women | Disabled/Non-Profit/Shelter | Total MBE/WBE | % |
| Award Totals | \$475,176,975 | \$84,450,563 | \$36,789,064 | \$673,385 | \$121,913,013 | 25.7% |
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| MTA MBE/WBE Participation: May 2010 | | | | | | |
| MBE/WBE Indicators | Agency Total | Ethnic/Disabled | Women | Disabled/Non-Profit/Shelter | Total MBE/WBE | % |
| Award Totals | \$20,658,832 | \$1,754,561 | \$943,820 | \$36,824 | \$2,735,205 | 13.2% |



Website Issues

- CHART Website Hits.** The number of hits on the agency’s CHART website experienced an expected jump during the February blizzard. However, the number of hits received by the CHART website has remained at elevated levels in the several months following February. The agency reported that this sustained increase cannot be attributed to the introduction of any new features but is instead due to an increased awareness of the utility of the site.



Concrete Falls Onto I-495 from Bridge

- On July 6, pieces of debris fell through a pothole located on Temple Hills Rd. overpass onto I-495, causing both lanes of the inner-loop to be shut down. The agency reported that this is the first incident on the overpass where a pothole has gone straight through, and that the pothole is not a danger to the structural integrity of the bridge. The agency discussed its response to the situation, including placing a steel plate on top of the pothole and a device to catch falling debris underneath the overpass. A permanent fix is expected within the week.

Pavement Markings

- Pavement Markings.** The number of square ft. of pavement markings has declined significantly in FY10 over previous years and is well below its FY10 goal. Though some budget was cut from pavement markings as a cost containment measure, the \$100,000 cut was far less than the amounts cut for other maintenance activities. The agency discussed this data, emphasizing that safety was not sacrificed in any instance. Instead, it has shifted pavement marking services to high-priority areas, such as turns and center dividing lines as a cost containment measure. In addition, the agency reported that an increased use of new paving materials has decreased the need for yearly pavement marking upkeep and trimmed the cost of labor to perform upkeep.

