



SILVER SPRING
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

January 10, 2019 / 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

**Discovery, One Discovery Place (corner of Georgia and Wayne)
Members and Guests please check-in at security desk | (240) 662-2023**

Co-Chairs – Michael Meszaros / Valerie Spencer

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| 8:00 | 1. Introductions/Agenda Review/Chair Comments | Valerie Spencer
Mike Meszaros |
| | 2. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes
Nov. minutes tabled | |
| 8:05 | 3. Presentation -Approved Bicycle Master Plan | David Anspacher
M-NCPPC |
| 8:50 | 4. New Employer Traffic Mitigation Plans
Summary (©4) | Jim Carlson |
| 9:10 | 5. Employer Outreach Update | TMD Marketing Staff |
| 9:20 | 6. Updates: Police/TMD/DOT/Other County Updates | Sgt. Kerry Moore
Reemberto Rodriguez
Jim Carlson |
| 9:30 | Adjourn / Next Meeting: March 14, 2019 | |
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Information Items

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Silver Spring TMD
Traffic Mitigation Plan Summary – New Plans
January 2019

TMP Code Requirements:

1. *Contact person designated to receive and distribute commuter information to employees*
2. *Information on transit and other commute alternatives distributed/ posted regularly (furnished by Commuter Services/CSS)*
3. *Facilitate CSS/TMD staff presentations and commuter information events for employees and HR/administrative staff. This could include benefits fares and other employer-sponsored events*
4. *Guaranteed Ride Home Promotion (free regional program offering emergency rides)*
5. *Annual Commuter Survey distributed to employees (short survey of transportation– supplied by CSS/TMD)*
6. *ADA information provided (transportation services for people with disabilities)*
7. *Permanent display area for bus schedules and other transportation information*
8. *Compile information on yearly TMP activities and submit Annual Report*

Employer	Status	Recommend to MCDOT
TV One	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New employee commute information • In-office bike storage & racks • Carpool matching program • Telework and flexible schedules • Monthly transit subsidy 	Yes
Primary Care Coalition	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike racks • Alternative schedules and telework • Monthly transit subsidy - \$115 	Yes
Sheraton Silver Spring	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike racks • Discounted LA Fitness for employees to use showers 	Yes
Toole Design Group	Meets required elements and has voluntary measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New employee commute information • Bike racks, showers, lockers • Participate in COG ride matching • Alternative schedules and telework • Monthly transit subsidy - \$125 • Pre-tax deduction 	Yes
Family and Nursing Care	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New employee commute information • Bike racks • Telework • Monthly transit subsidy - \$125 • Pre-tax deduction 	Yes

Courtyard by Marriott	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New employee commute information • Bike racks nearby – currently in discussions with county for a bikeshare station • Telework 	Yes
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New employee commute information • Monthly transit subsidy - \$110 • Alternative schedules and telework • Pre-tax deduction 	Yes
All Set Restaurant	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasional telework for managers 	Yes
The Fillmore	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike racks • Alternative schedules and telework • Monthly transit subsidy for full time employees 	Yes
Palladian Partners	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New employee commute information • Alternative schedules and telework • Flex spending options for commute • Bike racks • Pre-tax deduction 	Yes
Holiday Inn Express	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New employee commute information • Bike racks and showers • Alternative schedules and telework 	Yes
Association of Zoos & Aquariums	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly transit subsidy - \$150 • Car sharing spaces in garage • Racks, lockers, showers • Flexible schedules and telework 	Yes

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Elrich to Hold First of Five FY20 Operating Budget Forums Jan. 14

For Immediate Release: Thursday, January 3, 2019

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich is holding the first of five budget forums on Monday, Jan. 14, to seek input from residents about Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Operating Budget priorities. The forum will begin at 7 p.m. at the BlackRock Center for the Arts, at 12901 Town Commons Drive in Germantown.

"It is very important for me to hear from the public as we prepare the budget," said Elrich. "I invite residents, our business community and nonprofit representatives to attend any of the upcoming budget forums to let me know your priorities."

Additional FY20 Operating Budget forums are scheduled as follows:

- **Wednesday, Jan. 16 – 7 p.m.** – Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 22 – 7 p.m.** – Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring.
- **Wednesday, Jan. 23 – 7 p.m.** – Mid-County Recreation Center, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring.
- **Monday, Feb. 4 – 7 p.m.** – Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, 4301 East West Hwy, Bethesda.

The County Executive will announce his Recommended FY20 Operating Budget on March 15.

The County Council approves the operating budget at the end of May. Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, call 240-777-6507, Maryland Relay 711 or email a request to Karen.falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Join Montgomery County's conversation about the FY20 Operating Budget on social media and help raise awareness by using #MoCoBudget20.

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For immediate release: January 2, 2019

Metro to welcome bicycles on trains at rush hour

Starting next week, Metro customers will be able to bring their bikes with them on the train – at any time – as Metro ends a longstanding restriction that prohibited bicycles during rush hours.

The policy change, which takes effect Monday, is expected to make Metrorail a more attractive travel option for reverse commuters (i.e. customers traveling outbound in the morning and inbound in the evening) who want to take their bike to travel between the rail station and their workplace.

Metro reviewed its policy and determined that it could respond to requests from the bicycling community by ending the rush-hour bike restriction without significant negative effects. The review took into account that the majority of rush-hour trains are 8 cars in length (the longest possible), and that new 7000-series trains provide more open space.

"We received requests from Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) and others in the bicycle community asking us to take a fresh look at our policy," said Metro Chief Operating Officer Joe Leader. "We believe this change supports ridership growth by Metro and a commuting option for those who want to have a bike with them."

The Washington Area Bicyclist Association welcomed today's announcement. "Bicycling extends the reach of Metrorail for customers at the beginning and end of their trip. Members of the community have long wanted the option to bring a bicycle along with them on their rush hour trips, especially reverse commuters," said Greg Billing, WABA Executive Director. "I have to say that we're pleasantly surprised with how flexible and accommodating Metro has been in responding quickly to this request. We are grateful to leadership at Metro for this policy change to permit bicycles during all hours of Metrorail operations."

When Metrorail first opened, bikes were not allowed in the system at all. Since then, Metro has incrementally loosened restrictions without significant problems. Bikes were first allowed in 1982, with a paid permit on weekends and holidays only. The days and hours when bikes were allowed gradually expanded over time. Permits were eliminated in 1998, and the current policy was established in 2001, allowing bikes at all hours except weekdays from 7-10 a.m. and 4-7 p.m.

Starting Monday, standard-size bikes will be allowed at all times, on any car of any train, provided that space is available. Customers with bikes are reminded to use the doors at either end of the railcar – not the center doors – and to avoid blocking doors or aisles. Metro will monitor implementation of the new policy to determine whether any modifications are necessary. In addition, Metro reserves the ability to restrict bicycles on the rail system during major events drawing high ridership, such as July 4 fireworks and Inauguration Day.

Customers can also bring their bikes with them on Metrobus. All 1,500 Metrobuses are equipped with a rack on the front that can accommodate up to two full-size bikes at a time.

Roughly 0.8 percent of Metro customers arrived at their rail station by bike in 2016. The WMATA Board has set a goal of increasing that percentage to 2.1 percent by 2020.

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For immediate release: January 3, 2019

Metro restores free customer parking on Saturdays

In response to customer feedback, Metro will eliminate Saturday parking fees for Metrorail customers beginning this weekend. A \$2 fee had been implemented last February as part of a pilot program.

Riders who use Metrorail will park for free on Saturday, with the exception of designated regional or special events. During large-scale regional events such as Fourth of July, a Presidential Inauguration, marches or other events that draw large crowds Metro may still charge for parking on weekends or federal holidays under a new policy approved by Metro's Board of Directors effective this year.

Weekday parking fees and hours implemented during the pilot period will become permanent. This includes a reduced \$3 parking rate at the West Falls Church and Landover Metrorail stations to encourage ridership.

Parking fees will be collected during the following hours:

Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.

Individuals who park at Metro facilities but do not use the Metrorail system are charged a higher "non-rider fee" (ranging from \$8.70-\$10) at the following stations: Branch Ave, Greenbelt, Suitland, Huntington, Dunn Loring, Minnesota Ave, New Carrollton, Franconia-Springfield, Largo Town Center, Rhode Island Ave, Rockville, Twinbrook and White Flint. Metro may expand the use of "non-rider fees" in the future.

Metro is also planning to introduce new payment technology options such as mobile apps or online reservation systems to further improve customers' parking experience.

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New Online Application Process



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For Immediate Release: 1/4/2019

Application Deadline: 2/8/2019

Elrich Seeks Applicants for Taxicab Services Commission

County Executive Marc Elrich is seeking applicants to fill three vacancies on the Taxicab Services Commission. Two vacancies are for taxicab industry representatives: one that must represent management and one that must be a taxicab owner/driver; and one vacancy is for a public member. The two industry representative incumbents are eligible to apply for reappointment.

Additional members of the Taxicab Services Commission are the ex officio non-voting Director of the Department of Transportation, or the Director's representative, and Chair of the County Council's Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee, or the Chair's representative, and industry non-owner taxicab drivers.

The Commission must conduct a review of the County taxicab industry and submit a report to the County Executive and County Council each even-numbered year, describing the status of the industry and identifying any changes to the regulation of the industry that the Commission finds necessary or desirable, including changes in or to licenses in circulation, rates, fees, and insurance, accessibility, and affiliation and dispatch requirements.

Members serve three-year terms without compensation, but are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. The Commission generally meets monthly at 6:00 PM on Tuesday evenings in Rockville.

Applicants of diverse backgrounds, professions, gender, geography, disability and ethnicity are encouraged to apply. Members of County boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time. Members must complete training on the Maryland Open Meetings Act and basic parliamentary procedure. Elrich's appointments are subject to confirmation by the County Council. Applications of those selected for appointment are made public as part of the confirmation process. The deadline for application is **February 8, 2019. To apply please click "Apply" below.**

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