

SILVER SPRING TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

$\label{eq:may 9} May \ 9, \ 2019 \ / \ 8:00 - 9:30 \ a.m.$ Silver Spring Civic Building - Colesville Room, 2^{nd} Floor

Chair - Valerie Spencer

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8:00	1.	Introductions/Agenda Review/Chair Comments	Valerie Spencer
	2.	Letter to CE/MCDOT re: Bicycle Master Plan Handout	All
8:30	3.	Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes March (©3)	
8:35	4.	Dockless e-Bike and e-Scooter Pilot Expansion	Sandra Brecher MCDOT-Commuter Services
9:05	5.	New Employer Traffic Mitigation Plans Summary (©5)	Jim Carlson
9:15	6.	Employer Outreach Update	TMD Marketing Staff
9:20	7.	Updates: Police/TMD/DOT/Other County Updates Bike To Work Day – Veterans Plaza, May 17	Sandra Brecher Sgt. Kerry Moore Reemberto Rodriguez Jim Carlson
9:30		Adjourn / Next Meeting: July 11, 2019	

Silver Spring Transportation Management District Advisory Committee March 14, 2019

Item 1 & 2 – Introductions/Chair Comments/Minutes: Chair Valerie Spencer called meeting to order, members and guests introduced themselves.

Michael Price and Discovery Communications were given placards of thanks for hosting the TMD Committee as this was the last meeting at One Discovery Place. The company main headquarters sites are relocating to Knoxville and New York. Mr. Price discussed the reorganization of the Discovery building in relation to parking, employees and room configuration. Discovery (a smaller contingent) will continue to be housed in Silver Spring at the Metro Plaza, 8403 Colesville Road; future TMD meetings will be held there.

Item 3 – Washington Area Bus Transformation Project: David Miller of Foursquare ITP discussed the Bus Transformation project. In business for 10 years, Foursquare ITP has been the leading stakeholder on the project which seeks to fundamentally change how bus services are delivered. Key points:

- Buses carry 600,000 people daily in the region
- Challenges to the bus system include slower service due to traffic resulting in fewer riders, antiquated operating mode, and the rising costs of service
- The Transformation Project will help plan the future role of bus service in the region
- The five core challenges to current bus service include (1) meeting customer needs, (2) latest technology, (3) route coordination, (4) connectivity and (5) cost structure, such as payment responsibilities between jurisdictions
- There are four committees involved in decision making for the Project Executive Committee, Strategic Advisory Committee, Technical Team and WMATA Leadership Team.
- The Foursquare Project Team has conducted surveys to gauge community and operator input, as well as community pop-up events and social media outreach
- Key finding survey finding was that 80% of bus riders who ride at least once a week ride more, while 67% of those who ride less than once a week are now taking fewer trips
- Top priorities of the Project include having bus service that is reliable, faster and more direct
- The next steps are to finish the analysis by conducting more community & stakeholder outreach and conducting another online survey

Ouestions and comments from the Committee:

- Discussion regarding servicing everyone vs higher specific service routes
- Running buses 90 minutes for consistency is easier to fund than providing more frequent service during certain periods consistency is #2 in the Project priorities
- Making routes easier to understand and based on commuters travel patterns for greater accessibility
- Making transit apps more reliable
- Discussion regarding Montgomery County's role and participation in the Bus Project
- Project is only in the preliminary phases, redesign not yet implemented

- The economic impact of providing free bus service is a major issue
- Information on the project is online at bustransformation.com

Item 4 – Letter to CE/MCDOT re: Bicycle Master Plan: Julie Statland will construct a letter to County Executive Marc Elrich regarding the Bicycle Master plan. The letter will include comments from the Committee such as using Parking Lot District funds, traffic plots on Spring Street and the need for public safety.

Item 5 – New Employer Traffic Mitigation Plans: Jim Carlson provided a summary report of companies that have submitted TMPs and meet the eight required elements. One company requires follow up.

The Committee recommended approval to the Director of MCDOT

Item 6 – Employer Outreach Update: Jennifer Bolick reported:

- The TMD outreach team is working with employers to complete TMPs and TMP Annual Reports
- Bike to Work Day coming up May 17th at Veterans Plaza

Item 7 - Updates:

- Racial equality event held at the Civic Center w/400 attendees
- Taste of the World @ Fenton Village May 19th
- Kojo Nnamdi, NPR host is doing a series on Transportation issues

Adjourn/ Next Meeting: May 9, 2019: Mr. Carlson will notify the Committee of the next meeting's new location.

Silver Spring Transportation Management District Advisory Committee Attendance Sheet March 14, 2019

Voting Members (12)			
Name	Affiliation	Present	Absen
Chamber Members (3)			
Chris Kabatt	Wells + Associates	X	
Julie Statland	Statland & Katz, Ltd.	X	
Vacant			
Citizens Advisory Board Members (3)			
Harriet Quinn	Kemp Mill, Four Corners, East SS		X
Vacant	North & West Sector Plan Area		
Chris Perry	CBD Resident	X	
Employers less than 50 employees (3)			
Valerie Spencer	MayaTech	X	
Vacant			
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Employers with 50 or more employees (3)			
G. Michael Price	Discovery Communications	X	
Adenia Bradley	Southern Management		X
Vacant			
Non-Voting Members (3)			
Sandra Brecher, DOT-Commuter Services	MCDOT Director or Designee		X
Katie Mencarini	M-NCPPC		X
Reemberto Rodriguez	Silver Spring Regional Center	X	
Sgt. Kerry Moore	Montgomery County Police	X	
Staff			
Nakengi Byrd	MCDOT-Commuter Services	X	
Jim Carlson	MCDOT-Commuter Services	X	
Guests			
Jennifer Bolick	Van Eperen	X	
Zach Deshaies	Van Eperen	X	
Jay Elvove	SS Citizens Advisory Board	X	
David Miller	Foursquare ITP	X	
Mel Tull	Lee Development	X	
Laura Van Eperen	Van Eperen & Co.	X	

Silver Spring TMD Traffic Mitigation Plan Summary – New Plans/Annual Reports May 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

NEW Traffic Mitigation Plans

Employer	Status	Recommend to MCDOT
Washington Sports Clubs	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: New employee commute information Bike racks, lockers, showers	Yes
Aegis Project Controls	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: New employee commute information Transit benefit (\$125/mo) Subsidize parking and transit equally	Yes
Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: New employee commute information Bike racks, lockers, showers Telework, flexible schedules Transit benefit \$130/mo) Pre-tax rollout planned for June 2019	Yes

TMP Annual Reports

Employer	Status	Recommend to MCDOT
United Therapeutics Corporation	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: New employee commute information Bike racks Preferred parking for carpools/vanpools EV charging station Telework Transit screen	Yes

Merchant Link	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: New employee commute information Subsidizes vanpools Carpool matching Telework, flexible schedules Bike racks, showers Transit benefit (\$130/mo) Subsidize parking and transit equally	Yes
Ullico	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: New employee commute information Telework Transit benefit (\$30) Pre-tax deduction	Yes
All Set Restaurant	Does not meet requirements – follow up needed • Will not facilitate TMD meetings with staff • Answered "n/a" to ADA requirement	No
RLJ Entertainment (prev. Acorn Media Group)	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: New employee commute information Bike racks Telework Transit benefit (\$100/mo)	Yes
American Nurses Association	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: New employee commute information Telework – 95% TW once per week; 10 ppl 100% remote Flexible schedules Pre-tax deduction	Yes
Hilton Double Tree	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: New employee commute information Lockers, showers – employees store bikes inside	Yes
M-NCPPC	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: New hire transit info Preferred CP/VP spaces Will assist with CP/VP matching at new Wheaton location Bike lockers, racks, showers Bikeshare station Flexible & compressed schedules; telework Transit benefit - \$120/mo; current participation = 45 Investigating pre-tax deduction Mandatory ADA courses	Yes
Webs	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: New hire transit info Bike racks Telework (case basis) Pool matching	Yes

Social & Scientific Systems	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: New hire transit info Bike racks, lockers, showers Telework – 50% tw 2 days/wk Flexible schedules Transit benefit (\$55/mo) Pre-tax deduction	Yes
TV One	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: New hire transit info Bike racks Pool matching Telework – case basis Pre-tax deduction	Yes
Denizens Brewing Company	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: Bike racks Telework – case basis	Yes
Whole Foods	Does not meet requirements – follow up needed • Answered "n/a" facilitating TMD meetings with staff • Answered "n/a" to GRH requirement • Answered "n/a" to submitting annual report (although did one – poorly)	No
Easterseals	Meets required guidelines and has voluntary measures: New hire transit info Bike racks Alternative schedules – case basis FSA (flexible spending account) for transit	Yes