

**Silver Spring
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
June 9, 2016**

Item 1 – Introductions/Chair Comments: Chair **Jim Bunch** called meeting to order. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes: June meeting minutes were tabled.

Item 3 – Metro SafeTrack Update: **Gary Erenrich**, MCDOT Acting Deputy Director for Transportation Policy, reported on Metro’s SafeTrack program, which is a 15 “surge” major maintenance project on the rail system meant to address long-standing maintenance issues on an accelerated schedule. Three of the 15 surges will occur on the Red Line:

- 1st Surge: Aug 1-7 single tracking between Takoma – Silver Spring – the second highest ridership impact.
- 2nd Surge: the next week in August between Twinbrook – Shady Grove – 6 min to 18 min headways.
- 3rd Surge: 23-day total closure between NoMa and Ft. Totten stations – most impactful on ridership.

Mr. Erenrich discussed the water seepage issue occurring on the redline between Bethesda and Medical Center stations and Metro’s decision to avoid closure to repair the problem and continue to pump out water instead.

Other issues:

- County Executive requested of Metro that the total shut down occur in August rather than October to lessen impact, but was declined due to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) priority order.
- Discussion of train vs. bus capacity: An 8-car train can carry up to 1000 passengers, or 20 busses carrying 50 people to accommodate reduced train service.
- Residual delays will affect the whole Metro rail system
- Ride On bus system has 360 buses on 12-year replacement schedule. The fleet is due to receive 57 new buses, allowing use of a portion of the retiring fleet.
- No fare boxes for shuttle bus service during the surges; however, fares will remain for buses added to existing routes such as the RT. 46:
 - Free shuttle service every 10 minutes between Silver Spring and Ft. Totten stopping at Takoma Station
 - Direct shuttle service on 270 between Shady Grove –Grosvenor and adding buses to route 46
- Added service will occur during AM and PM rush hour, midday if needed.
- Discussion regarding extending MARC service and adding train cars on the Brunswick line. However, adding midday service is unlikely – issues regarding CSX and ticketing involved
- Commuters will not pay on the bus bridge shuttle for ease of operations.

Ms. Brecher announced:

- Amp up of outreach efforts regarding SafeTrack and letter from County Executive to business community.
- Two Telework “Quick Start” Webinars on June 12 & 28.
- Reviving transit and vanpool subsidies increasing max to \$255 a month - State increased tax credit to \$100 a month.

Mr. Erenrich said Board of Trade will be offering discounted services to members – advising employers to meet with employees to determine needs. Other discussion:

- Geo Coding around Metro Stations targeting outreach efforts to employers inside a 1-mile radius.
- SafeTrack will be suspended during the Inauguration and Cherry Blossom Festival.
- Ride On bus bridge will terminate at Fort Totten Station and will not travel into DC.
- Reimbursements of costs associated with the surges will be determined at the end of the year.
- Capital Bikeshare offering \$2 rides-exploring providing bikeshare in areas not currently available.

Item 4 – Draft Letter-Transit Center Operational Issues: **Mr. Bunch** discussed a letter drafted requesting immediate assistance at the transit center with coordination and traffic operations. He requested that the letter be circulated to the Committee for edits. The letter details issues such as vehicles running red lights and cars backing up blocking transit center exits, pedestrian safety issues. **Mr. Bunch** suggested reinstatement of the Interim Operating Site (IOS) interdisciplinary working group to address on-going operation issues. Some on the Committee suggested that Metro’s surge schedule be added to the letter.

Item 5 – Matrix Update: **Mr. Bunch** created a draft updating the matrix and asked for Committee input regarding action items. The Committee will vote on the transit center letter and the Matrix items at a later meeting.

The Committee discussed having the following at future TMD meetings:

- Representation from the Police Department
- **Carol McKenzie** to discuss Parking Lot District (PLD) fund dissemination
- Representative from the Urban District

Item 6 – Updates:

- Bike To Work Day was a success, with more than 400 registrants
- Reinstatement of the FareShare program – \$500,000 for the TMDs available July 1st
- Sharp & Co. conducting demonstrations at Capital Bikeshare stations
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Citizens Advisory Board holding meetings on Route 29 BRT route
- Purple Line – contractor selected for Public-Private-Partnership

Item 7- Around the Room:

Item 8- Adjourn/Next Meeting: July 14, 2016

**Silver Spring Transportation Management District Advisory Committee Attendance Sheet
June 9, 2016**

Voting Members (12)			
Name	Affiliation	Present	Absent
Chamber Members (3)			
Chris Kabatt	Wells + Associates	X	
Michael Meszaros	Digital Industry, Inc.	X	
Juanita Stewart	The Peterson Companies	X	
Citizens Advisory Board Members (3)			
Jim Bunch / Vice Chair	Kemp Mill, Four Corners, East SS	X	
Phil Olivetti	North & West Sector Plan Area	X	
Randall McLeod	CBD Resident		X
Employers less than 50 employees (3)			
Valerie Spencer	MayaTech	X	
Vacant			
Wendy Melis	SWANA		X
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	
Matthew Folden	M-NCPPC		X
Reemberto Rodriguez	Silver Spring Regional Center		X
Sgt. Michael Ruane	Montgomery County Police		X
Staff			
Nakengi Byrd	MCDOT-Commuter Services	X	
Jim Carlson	MCDOT-Commuter Services	X	
Guests			
Jay Elvove	MC Resident	X	
Gary Erenrich	MCDOT	X	
Kevin Price	Sharp & Co.	X	
Harriet Quinn	4-Corners Resident	X	