

Thank you, Council members, for allowing me the time to speak. My name is Scott Buehler and I am a Montgomery County resident representing the MCDOT Transit Advisory Group also known as TAG.

I started riding Ride On in 2013, and even though I still had a car, riding the transit services provided by the Montgomery Department of Transportation has been more efficient for me. Once I noticed there was a Ride On bus close to my apartment and that it only takes 15 minutes for me to get to work on the bus, I no longer needed a car.

The routes I take are Route 45 to work, on my leisure days I will take Route 301 to the Glenstone Museum or take the Ride On extRa to Gaithersburg. The buses are comfortable, the drivers are considerate to everyone, especially seniors, and the routes take me anywhere I desire to go. It has been terrific to see the changes Ride On and MCDOT have been making. They have upgraded bus stops with shelters, added charging ports, and they are developing a new app for riders called the Ride On Trip Planner App. This App will allow riders to plan their next ride, and it will let riders know how crowded their bus is before getting on the bus.

The Ride On team doesn't just think about themselves, they think about the community. I am happy I decided to start using their transit services. Ride On has made my life easier and I know they have made someone else's life easier as well!

Ride On also has a Transit Advisory Group (TAG) of which I am a proud member. As a member of TAG, I have had the opportunity to meet and talk to the administrative and operations teams behind Ride On. I have been able to express areas Ride On can improve in, be one of the first people to learn about new events and news Ride On has, and I have seen Ride On not only listen to what I have to say, but also put action behind it. As a member of TAG and a daily rider of Ride On, I feel like I am a part of an organization that cares. I believe Ride On should have your support so that the organization and the transit system can continue to grow.

As one of those called "essential workers," I can't miss this opportunity to give high praise to the service and support Ride On provided during the worst days of Covid. It was an essential, and life-saving service to those of us who needed it.

I've been privileged to hear all the amazing things the team at MCDOT has planned. The continued investment in Ride On is well managed and very valuable not only to me as one rider, but to all the riders that use Ride On services. Ride On provides services that allow people to continue to go to work, school, shop, and travel to see

family members. If I could say something to all the operators and workers of Ride On, I would say, “Keep up the great work!”

Thank you again for allowing me the time to speak about how good Ride On has been to me and how I fully support the amazing team behind Ride On and MCDOT.