

**Friendship Heights
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
July 12, 2016**

Voting Members

Tiffany L. Anderson (Chair)	Chevy Chase Land Company
Barbara Condos (Vice Chair)	Town of Somerset
Campbell Graeub	Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights
Elizabeth Demetra Harris	Friendship Heights Village
John Mertens	Friendship Heights Village
Charles Simpson	Chevy Chase Village

Non-voting Members

Sandra L. Brecher	MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services
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TMD Staff

Nakengi Byrd	MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services
Jim Carlson	MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services

Absent

Charles Crerand	CBRE Asset Services/Wisconsin Place
Joe Dixon	GEICO
Chief John Fitzgerald	Chevy Chase Village Police
Matthew Folden	M-NCPPC
Kenneth Hartman	B-CC Services Center
Christopher Itteilag	Somerset House Management Association

Guests

Bob Joiner	The Agenda News
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Item 1 & 2 – Introductions/Minutes Review: Chair **Tiffany Anderson** called meeting to order. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes vote tabled for lack of quorum.

Item 3 – Chair Comments: No Chair Comments.

Campbell Graeub expressed concerns about the lack of action taken regarding certain projects in the TMD and the apparent uncoordinated efforts of utility companies (Pepco, WSSC) and the County in repairing roadways – example given, Willard Avenue. The Committee expressed that this is an issue related to the Committee’s mission due to the disruption of traffic and the walkability of the area. Other issues discussed:

- **Sande Brecher** discussed the factors involved in reclassifying the Advisory Committee into an Urban District Group that have more power in making changes in the TMD – however, some businesses are opposed to the urban district concept because of the taxes.

Item 3 – Discussion, FY17 FareShare Program: Ms. Brecher reported that County Council has funded the FareShare program to offset employer transit and vanpool benefits for employees. As a “seed money” program, the County matches an employer’s contribution up to \$50 per month of employee transit costs. Other features:

- Transit and vanpool benefits will be offered via WMATA’s SmartBenefits program.
- Companies with 25 or more employees that are not currently providing a direct transit/vanpool subsidy have the first priority.
- Program will be used to begin providing transit benefits or to increase existing subsidies to gain participants.
- Employers set level that they can sustain as FareShare will not provide continual funds – the program is for 12 months.
- The FareShare program will apply to businesses inside the TMDs only.

Discussion:

- SafeTrack may play a role in deterring new participants to transit, even with FareShare.
- Surveys will keep track of funds and how program is working.

Item 4 – Updates:

- Walk and Ride Challenge - September 12 to October 1.
- Commuter Services won an award from the National Association of Counties (NACo) for the innovative MCLiberty bikeshare program for low income residents.
- Commuter Services is hosting two telework webinars, dates to be announced, to help employers deal with SafeTrack disruptions.

Item 5 – Around the Room: John Mertens commented:

- Lighting issue at crosswalk at Willard Avenue and Shoemaker Farm Lane
- Using traffic calming measures such as narrowing roads, and using the extra space for bike lanes

Item 6 – Adjourn: Next meeting date: September 13, 2016 (no August meeting)