

**Friendship Heights
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
May 10, 2016**

Voting Members

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| Tiffany L. Anderson (Chair) | Chevy Chase Land Company |
| Barbara Condos (Vice Chair) | Town of Somerset |
| Charles Crerand | CBRE Asset Services/Wisconsin Place |
| Campbell Graeub | |
| Elizabeth Demetra Harris | Friendship Heights Village |
| | Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights |
| Christopher Itteilag | Somerset House Management Association |
| John Mertens | Friendship Heights Village |
| Charles Simpson | Chevy Chase Village |

Non-voting Members

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

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

Absent

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| Joe Dixon | GEICO |
| Chief John Fitzgerald | Chevy Chase Village Police |
| Matthew Folden | M-NCPPC |
| Kenneth Hartman | B-CC Services Center |

Guests

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| Emily Davis | Sharp & Co. |
| Joanna Foellmer | Willard Ave Resident |
| Bob Joiner | The Agenda News |
| Charlie Scott | WMATA |

Item 1 – Introductions/Minutes: Chair **Tiffany Anderson** called meeting to order. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes:

VOTE: The Committee approved January and March meeting minutes.

Item 3 – Metro Update: Charlie Scott. WMATA Senior Government Relations Officer, updated the Committee on Metro’s SafeTrack Plan. **Mr. Scott** explained that the system is in disrepair due to Metro’s the extended operating hours, which leaves the system less time for repair and upkeep. In addition to

regular maintenance, the SafeTrack Plan will complete three years of repairs in approximately 11 months. Features of the plan:

- Starting in June, Metro rail will single track from 8-10pm and close at midnight to allow equipment to be set in place.
- Some segments will have outages with 2-3 stations closed at a time. There will be breaks in the project for the presidential inauguration and cherry blossom season.
- Red Line single tracking between Takoma and Silver Spring, Aug 1-8; and Shady Grove and Twinbrook, Aug 9-19.
- October 9 through November 2: the system will be shut down between NoMa and Ft Totten, with buses filling in the gap.
- There may be a reduction in eight car usage due to potential explosions from faulty insulators causing overload to the electrical system.
- Jan. 2 through March 7: starting at 8 pm, single tracking between Friendship Heights and Medical Center to repair water intrusion.
- Metro will replace two thirds of its railcars.
- **Mr. Scott** will look into repairing the escalator at Friendship Heights station – repairs tend to take longer than replacements due to the undetermined time in finding parts.
- Ways to improve track maintenance include:
 - quality control of contracted labor
 - Federal Transit Administration oversight of adherence to safety standards
- To address time constraints for system repairs it was suggested having an annual reduced maintenance period such as single tracking in the late summer months.
- Metro has instituted a program to help prevent driver fatigue – in response to rail operators running red lights.
- Metro’s union will help to keep highly trained workers and give them incentives to stay.

Item 4 – Updates: Sande Brecher announced:

- County Council is considering restoring the FareShare employer transit/vanpool subsidy program.
- Bike to Work Day is Friday, May 20th.

Item 5 – Around the Room: Miti Figueredo from Chevy Chase Land Co. reported on changes to the Chase Center site plan amendment that includes changes to the surrounding store fronts and other public spaces. Presentation of the of the plan is on the Chevy Chase Land Co. website. The plan will not add density or square footage to retail space; however, the north and south buildings along Wisconsin Avenue will be redeveloped to include more stores and allow front and rear access. Other issues discussed:

- Safety concerns regarding cars cutting around drivers turning left on River Road – parked cars on Willard appear to be causing the issue. **Ms. Brecher** will follow up as area may not be inside TMD boundary.
- Continued construction along Willard Avenue – sewer connection moved from Willard to River Road.

Adjourn:

Next meeting date: June 14, 2016