

**Friendship Heights  
Transportation Management District  
Advisory Committee  
June 14, 2016**

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**Voting Members**

Tiffany L. Anderson (Chair)	Chevy Chase Land Company
Barbara Condos (Vice Chair)	Town of Somerset
Charles Crerand	CBRE Asset Services/Wisconsin Place
Joe Dixon	GEICO
Campbell Graeb	Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights
Elizabeth Demetra Harris	Friendship Heights Village
John Mertens	Friendship Heights 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**

Chief John Fitzgerald	Chevy Chase Village Police
Matthew Folden	M-NCPPC
Kenneth Hartman	B-CC Services Center
Christopher Itteilag	Somerset House Management Association
Charles Simpson	Chevy Chase Village

**Guests**

Emily Davis	Sharp & Co.
Gary Erenrich	MCDOT
Bob Joiner	The Agenda News

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**Item 1 & 2 Introductions/Minutes Review: Vice Chair Barbbra Condos** called meeting to order pending Chair **Tiffany Anderson's** later arrival. Members and guests introduced themselves.

April and May minutes approval tabled until July's meeting.

**Item 3 – Chair Comments:** No Chair comments

**Item 4 – SafeTrack, Montgomery County Response: Gary Erenrich,** Acting Dep. Director for Transportation Policy, MCDOT, reported on a number of initiatives that Montgomery County is undertaking to respond to Metro's SafeTrack repair program. Mr. Erenrich announced that three of the 15 surges will affect the Red line, with two in August and one in October. Details of all surges can be viewed on the County's website. Other highlights of the program:

- Aug. 1-8: Single tracking on the Red line between Takoma Park and Silver Spring.
- Single tracking between Twinbrook and Shady Grove – headways increased from six to 18 minutes.
- Closure between NoMa Gallaudet & Fort Totten (23-day closure) – bus bridge to supplement service.
- One eight car train carries up to 1500 people = 20 buses.
- Although the Red line is self-contained, residual effects will be felt throughout the Metro system, the County’s role is to fill in the gaps.
- The MARC train system Brunswick line can supplement service provided they get permission from CSX.
- The County is considering suspending on-street parking for speedier bus service.
- Ride On is replacing 57 buses but not completely retiring the fleet in order to have extra buses available – operators are needed.
- Buses will provide direct service between stations during the extended AM and PM rush hour with no fare collection.
- Traffic will be monitored by the County traffic control center.
- During single tracking between Shady Grove and Rockville express service will be provided to Grosvenor via I270 and added bus service on the Route 46 line.

**Sande Brecher** reported:

- Two Telework “Quick Start” Webinars on June 23 & 28<sup>th</sup> – quick start for fast set up during SafeTrack.
- Direct mail to all business notifying them of alternative options during SafeTrack.
- County Council formally adopted the FareShare employer transit/vanpool subsidy program.
- **Joe Dixon** announced that GEICO will not run vans during SafeTrack and is not increasing the monthly transit subsidy from \$110 to \$255
- Using Capital Bikeshare as an option; currently can try out the system for \$2.00.
- Washington Business Journal article detailing County efforts during SafeTrack and mentioned telework webinars.
- Revision of the Park & Ride Guide and creation of the interactive web map.
- Discussion regarding GEICO’s travel options during the upcoming surge on Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>. Obtaining employee feedback to provide accommodations such as flex time and telework will help, as well as additional services offered by Board of Trade.
- Providing a smooth transfer system from Friendship Heights into the District with adequate signage and transit personnel available to direct commuters – logistics will be worked out closer to the Aug. 1 deadline.
- Because CSX business is freight, it is not focused not passenger travel; this creates difficulty when working with the MARC train system.
- **Ms. Brecher** announced that a summer intern will be putting together a video of Bike to Work Day and if the Committee had any still shots of the event to send them to her.
- **Mr. Erenrich** reported on County attempts to ease congestion via traffic controls sensors; however, the State has final say on all signal timing

**Campbell Graeb** compiled a list of the following safety hazards to **Mr. Erenrich**:

- Faded left turn sign @ Wisconsin & Willard - no resolution for 18 months.
- Midblock crossing sign was replaced but the old post still remains.

- Dead trees on Friendship Blvd.
- Lighting issues on Western Avenue, traffic light at GEICO parking lot on to Western Avenue.
- Tree wells without trees at bus depot can cause a potential tripping hazard - work with DDOT to remedy.
- Construction signs left blocking paths when no work is being done.
- ADA ramp causing a tripping hazard.

**Item 5 Updates: Emily Davis** from Sharp & Co. announced:

- Working with the six large employers in Friendship Heights that have 100 or more employees.
- Working with Chevy Chase Land Co. to reach smaller employers.
- Wedding Wire's teleworking program will be featured in the next Friendship Heights e-newsletter

**Adjourn:** Next meeting July 12, 2016