

**Friendship Heights
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
February 14, 2017**

Voting Members

Tiffany L. Anderson (Chair)	Chevy Chase Land Company
Barbara Condos (Vice Chair)	Town of Somerset
Joe Dixon	GEICO
Elizabeth Demetra Harris	Friendship Heights Village
Christopher Itteilag	Somerset House Management Association
John Mertens	Friendship Heights Village
Manuel Ochoa	Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights

Non-Voting Members

Sandra L. Brecher	MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services
Katie Mencarini	M-NCPPC

TMD Staff

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

Absent

Charles Crerand	CBRE Asset Services/Wisconsin Place
Chief John Fitzgerald	Chevy Chase Village Police
Kenneth Hartman	B-CC Services Center
Charles Simpson	Chevy Chase Village

Guests

David Anspacher	M-NCPPC
Emily Davis	Sharp & Co.
Gary Erenrich	MCDOT
Julian Mansfield	Friendship Heights Village

Item 1-Introductions/Minutes/Chair Comments: Members and guests introduced themselves. December's meeting minutes were approved.

Item 4 – Bicycle Master Plan: David Anspacher, M-NCPPC, briefed the Committee on the Bicycle Master Plan:

- Monitoring division was established to evaluate the effectiveness of the Master Plan implementation and achievement of goals
- Four goals of the Master Plan: increase biking, improve connectivity, increase safety, and provide adequate public biking facilities
- The importance of having safe biking infrastructure connectivity to transit, shopping and other attractions
- The MP looks at biking infrastructure within a 2-mile radius of Metro stations and evaluating the accessibility of area residents to Metro on a low stress network
- Committee viewed aerial maps showing good accessible areas in blue and those that are less accessible in red
- Bicycle connectivity is measured by the percentages of residents in a certain area using cycling
- Bike improvements are measured by seeing the existing biking infrastructure and what can be constructed to reach accessibility goals

Mr. Ansbacher said recommendations are being made by the Planning Board for inside the Beltway, and public meetings will be held for community input. Information can be found at MC.Atlas.org/bike stress. He also reported the following:

- Area roads are classified based on biking comfort ability in relation to traffic stress – the higher the traffic stress, the less comfort
- Three different stress levels: high, moderate, and low, with Shady Grove road as an example of high and the Bethesda Trolley Trail as the lowest
- A discussion regarding the five categories that classify bike lane separation, such as striped bikeways and side paths; 3 – 5 ½ ft. is the State standard for bikeways
- Using the shoulder of the road as a bikeway presents problems because it is not a dedicated space – traffic calmed streets provide access for multiple uses due to low speeds
- The implementation of long term bike storage and parking facilities at the future Purple Line, BRT and transit stations

Item 5 – Metro Update, FY18 Budget Proposal: Gary Erenrich announced:

- Metro is redoing Surge 7 of SafeTrack, June 17th – 30th. All SafeTrack work to be completed by July 1st 2017
- The January 30th Public hearing regarding late night hours – compromise set as changes (Fri. & Sat. 1am, 11pm weeknights) will be reviewed in a year
- Redline turnbacks at Grosvenor are increasing headways and run times, reducing trains from 20 per hour to 15 per hour at Shady Grove Station. Maryland paid a third of the 7000 series rail cars costs with the expectation of eliminating the turnbacks
- \$50 million in bus services reduction and cuts with the T2 headway increased from 20-30 minutes affecting Friendship Heights area
- Metro's cuts are largely due to the County shouldering the cost of Prince George's County low ridership deficits
- The recently discovered double counting of \$23 million may reduce budget cut's severity
- The issues regarding usage of Federal Transit Agency formula money to fund maintenance and repairs. Congress does not want to use funds
- Safety oversight committee needs to be established
- Discussion regarding fare increases vs service reductions – Title 6 analysis to prevent cuts from disproportionately affecting disenfranchised commuters

Item 6 – Draft FY18 TMD Budget Priorities: Jim Carlson announced that the budget priorities meeting with the County Executive will take place March 16th and asked the Committee to look over the draft and submit edits. He will forward to the County Executive's office prior to the meeting.

Item 7 – Marketing Outreach Update: Emily Davis of Sharp & Co. discussed plans for the upcoming Bike To Work Day on May 19th and the early April pre-registration event at Wisconsin Place. The Committee agreed that the pre-registration party should take place on a weekend to attract more area residents.

Item 8 – Updates: Sandra Brecher announced there will be a new Mobile Commuter Store opening this summer to replace the Friendship Heights TRiPS store. She asked the Committee to suggest possible parking spaces (2 parking spaces) for the fully functional Winnebago that will provide the same services as the store.

Item 9- Adjourn: Next meeting April 13, 2017