

**Friendship Heights
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
June 13, 2017**

Voting Members

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

Non-Voting Members

Katie Mencarini	M-NCPPC
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TMD Staff

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

Absent

Sandra L. Brecher	MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services
Joe Dixon	GEICO
Chief John Fitzgerald	Chevy Chase Village Police
Kenneth Hartman	B-CC Services Center
Manuel Ochoa	Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights

Guests

Ken Hartman	Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Center
Bob Joiner	The Agenda News
Kyle Liang	MCDOT
Julian Mansfield	Friendship Heights Village
Dewa Salihi	MCDOT
Mayor Jeffrey Slavin	Town of Somerset
Stephanie Smarr	Chevy Chase Land Co.

Item 1, 2 & 3 – Introductions/Minutes/Chair Comment’s: Chair Tiffany Anderson called the meeting to order. Members and guests introduced themselves.

VOTE: The Committee approved the April minutes.

Item 4 Pedestrian Safety: Dewa Salihi, MCDOT Traffic Engineering, updated the Committee on the County’s pedestrian safety efforts.

Jim Carlson discussed the long-standing hazard regarding piled, loose bricks in the Wisconsin Avenue median, and the raised structure at the northeast corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Wisconsin Circle, citing the continued lack of a response from the State Highway Administration (SHA) to remedy the issue. Committee members are urging MCDOT to get involved by contacting any relevant personnel at SHA regarding the issues.

Ms. Salihi said she would report back any information she can gather. She explained that her team conducts traffic audits for the County’s “High Incidence Areas” (HIAs) that are a part of the County Executive’s Pedestrian Safety Initiative. The last audit completed was Middlebrook Road area, and certain issues were addressed – such as the installation of flashing LED beacons on Bel Pre Road. The beacons are pedestrian activated flashing lights alerting drivers to stop. The State has approved installation for 10 locations. Also, discussed:

- “Vision Zero” plan to reduce pedestrian fatalities to zero – a 2-year plan to work with existing programs to reduce deaths and a 10-year plan that is more detailed to change the culture and driver behaviors.
- **John Mertens** reported that there is lack of enforcement particularly at crosswalk locations.
 - **Capt. Dave Falcinelli** will be contacted to add the Friendship Heights area into rotation for enforcement
- Pedestrian activation signal issue at midblock crosswalk causing people to become trapped in the median unable to cross.
- **Kyle Liang**, MCDOT Traffic Engineering, reported that a recent study revealed a high number of pedestrian crossings at key intersections. MCDOT is exploring remedies to enhance crosswalk safety.

Item 5 – Marketing Outreach Update: No marketing update as the Contractors are between contract approvals for FY18.

Item 6 – Updates: Mr. Carlson

- Bike to Work Day event went well, with 18,000+ participating region wide.
- There are two Bicycle Master Plan meetings remaining – **Katie Mencarini** said comments can be submitted at the MCAtlas.org website. The MP draft to be submitted in the Fall with County Council approval by 2018.
- **Ken Hartman** reported that Metro has a Ped/Bike Access Study that looks at the barriers to Metro stations.
- **Ms. Mencarini** discussed details of the Bicycle MP that look at making bike routes and travel low stress.
- The Committee discussed ped/cyclist crossing at bike trails and the need for safety signage; however, aligning the trail with a signal – opposed to building a bridge or tunnel – may be a more permanent choice.
- The Committee discussed mid-block crossing signalization in front of Whole Foods- **Kyle Liang** commented that the signal should be pedestrian activated, as an automatic signal may not work there – it is already close to a main signaled intersection.

- **Mr. Hartman** announced the Capital Budget Forum at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School 7-9pm
- **Mr. Carlson** called attendees attention to the Info Item at the back of the agenda packet. Ride-On fare changes; SafeTrack Surge #16 - No trains running at any time between Shady Grove and Twinbrook.
 - Two stations, Shady Grove and Rockville, will be closed for the duration of the surge with rail service replaced by free shuttle buses running all times.
- **VOTE: The Committee voted to bimonthly meeting format starting January, 2018**

Item 8 – Adjourn: Next meeting date: July 11, 2017