

**Friendship Heights
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
February 13, 2018**

Voting Members

Barbara Condos (Vice Chair)	Town of Somerset
Charles Crerand	CBRE Asset Services/Wisconsin Place
Joe Dixon	GEICO
Elizabeth Demetra Harris	Friendship Heights Village
John Mertens	Friendship Heights Village
Manuel Ochoa	Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights
Afua Ofori	Polinger Co./Large Employer

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

Tiffany Anderson (Chair)	Chevy Chase Land Company
Sandra L. Brecher	MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services
Chief John Fitzgerald	Chevy Chase Village Police
Kenneth Hartman	B-CC Services Center
Christopher Itteilag	Somerset House Management Association
Charles Simpson	Chevy Chase Village

Guests

Darcy Buckley	MCDOT
Bob Joiner	The Agenda News
Julian Mansfield	Friendship Heights Village
Stephanie Webber	Sharp & Co.

Item 1,2 & 3-Introductions/Minutes/Chair’s Comments: Committee Vice Chair **Barbara Condos** called the meeting to order. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Item 4 – US 355 Bus Rapid Transit Project Update: **Darcy Buckley**, MCDOT-BRT Project Manager, updated the Committee on the BRT project.

Topics discussed:

- Station locations – some placement based on future development
- Council of Governments (COG) grant funds station prototype design that need to be adaptable for different environments
- Some station components include real-time ticketing info, windscreen, bike racks, off boarding ticket vending kiosks

- Community outreach via Corridor Advisory Committee meetings and family friendly Open Houses
- The median placement of stations - two ways double-wide with buses servicing both sides; or two stations with a station servicing each direction
- Although service is not faster than driving it's more reliable - local buses currently on route are the Ride On 55, 46 & Ride On Extra
- Modeling process predicts behavior which helps identify commuter travel preferences, factoring in items like cost & driving time
- No funding currently for the project until design studies are conducted for Federal regulations necessary to receive funding
- **Cory Pitts** will fill in as BRT Manager while **Ms. Buckley** is on maternity leave

Item 5 – TMD Marketing Outreach Update: Stephanie Webber reported:

- Commuter information Days (CID) held at P.F. Chang, Courtyard Marriott & Microsoft – employees expressed interest in carpooling and the new Ride On Extra bus service
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Item 6 – Updates:

- **Jim Carlson** reported that US 29 BRT Open Houses will be held March 15th and 21st
- The Mobile Commuter Store will be at the Village Center providing full service transit media sales and information
- Online discussion with **Ike Leggett** Feb. 15th from 1-2pm-link provided in packet to submit questions
- In Memoriam notice in the Friendship Heights TMD biennial report for **Bob Schwarzbart**, former Advisory Committee Chair & Member

Item 7 – Around the Room: Friendship Heights Village Manager **Julian Mansfield** reported lighting issues at the crosswalk at Willard in front of Whole Foods as the island and sign doesn't seem to remedy the hazard- same issue at 4701 Willard. Suggestion to utilize the Complete Streets Initiative which looks at the surrounding areas also effected for a complete fix. **Mr. Carlson** will follow up. Also discussed:

- Per earlier member discussions, meetings are no bi-monthly; however, because of a previous cancellation due to weather, the Committee will meet in March
- **Charles Crerand** announced that garage reconstruction at Wisconsin Place starting in March will disrupt future AC meetings due to noise – future meeting locations to be announced
- **Joe Dixon** reported an abandoned car in the Bloomingdales garage that has been there over a year – **Mr. Crerand** will follow up
- **Katie Mencarini** reported the Planning Board will be host online County staff recommendations for the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget. The agenda will include the Bicycle Master Plan and technical corrections to transitways and highways

Adjourn – Next meeting March 13, 2018