

**Friendship Heights  
Transportation Management District  
Advisory Committee  
June 14, 2022**

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**Voting Members**

Barbara Condos (Chair)	Town of Somerset
Bob Banach	Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights
Afua Ofori	Polinger Co./Large Employer
Elizabeth Demetra Harris	Friendship Heights Village

**Non-Voting Members**

Sandra L. Brecher	MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services
Peter Fosselman	B-CC Services Center

**TMD Staff**

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

**Absent**

Chief John Fitzgerald	Chevy Chase Village Police
Marin Hill	M-NCPPC
John Mertens (Vice Chair)	Friendship Heights Village
Ahkeia Payne	GEICO

**Guests**

Michael Goodno	DDOT
Gary Erenrich	MCDOT
Bob Joiner	The Agenda News
Shelley Monique Mann	TMD Outreach
David Proctor	TMD Outreach
Tom Quinn	ANC-3
Andy Wexler	M-NCPPC

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**Item 1 & 2 – Introductions/Minutes:** **Jim Carlson** opened the meeting and members and guests introduced themselves. Minutes were approved.

**Item 3 – District Protected Bike Lanes Project:** DDOT Transportation Planner, **Mike Goodno**, said there is currently no design plan to build protected bike lanes in Ward 3; however, currently there are bike lanes in a two-block section of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. The Move DC long range transportation plan started in 2014 and was recently updated in 2021 - it will guide transportation construction for the next 25 years. Although little bike infrastructure exists currently, it is being constructed a little at a time to reach a goal of 75% of walking & biking trips by 2032 and building 10 miles of protected bike lanes per year.

**Mr. Goodno** also discussed the proposed bike infrastructure for the District:

- Bike lanes are constructed following Vision Zero guidelines to slow speeds for safety

- Two-way protected bike lanes on several streets- some parking removed to allow space for turning buses
- Details of protected lanes include sidewalks, flex post buffers and driving or parking lanes
- At intersection of Jennifer & Western there will be planter & flex post buffers, green bicycle box to put bikers in front of stopped traffic
- As Wisconsin avenue widens at 44<sup>th</sup> Street, two vehicle & bike lanes and parking can be maintained with separate right & left turn lanes at the intersection – DDOT will need to work out the details for the narrow parts of avenue
- Traffic analysis conducted for 2-way protected bikeway on Western avenue at the GEICO entrance for the light signal
- May have some rush hour restricted parking where Western Ave narrows
- Discussion regarding the need to separate bike through traffic from those turning on River Road

**Item 4 – Employer TDM Plans:** Mr. Carlson presented to the Committee two Transportation Demand Management Plans.

**The Committee recommended approval of MCDOT’s Director.**

**Item 5 – Marketing Outreach Update:**

- Commuter Services hosted Bike To Work Day at the Wisconsin Place pit stop - 142 registrants and two bike prize winners
- TMD outreach staff continuing to host Commuter Information Days at employer sites, providing current commuting information and establishing connections with new employers in the area
- Reaching out to residential apartment complexes for transit information - CCCFH organization can provide a listing of all residential developments in the Friendship Heights area, Mr. Banach will supply the information

**Item 6 – Updates:**

- The shared e-bike & scooter pilot program is going well
- FY23 funding received to replace electronic control boards at the Capital Bikeshare stations
- Commuter Services received funding for new “Travel Smart Ambassador” program position that will provide commuter information outreach to markets not reached before
- The Climate Action Plan 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter workplan has been posted on the County website

**Gary Erenrich** discussed the Transportation Planning Board’s June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to approve transportation projects to move forward with federal funding for Visualize 2045 and address issues of accident reduction, congestion and micromobility from money already spent. Also discussed:

- The 495 portions of the I 270/I495 Op lanes will not move forward but will remain in the plan for further environmental study
- There is not an adequate plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 50% as the Transportation Planning Board has no enforcement authority - June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be on YouTube

**Mr. Carlson** continued:

- The EV purchasing Co Op met goal of 1000 residents pledging their next vehicle will be an EV
- There is a new Climate Action Plan website coming

- The Regional Services Center is part of Montgomery County Government and acts as a liaison between the Community & the Government

**Mr. Erenrich** continued:

- Ride On will resume charging reduced fares of \$1 starting August 1<sup>st</sup>
- Randy Clark Metro's new GM will start in July
- Discussion regarding Metro pending financial cliff of \$500 million due to depleted Federal Covid funding
- Rail ridership is in the 30% - 50% range, while bus ridership is at 50% pre-Covid levels- bus ridership tends to be higher than rail due to working class who can't afford rail and don't have the option to telework

**Adjourn: Next meeting September 28<sup>th</sup> – Joint TMD meeting**