

**Silver Spring
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
July 13, 2017**

Item 1, 2 & 3 – Introductions/Minutes: Vice Chair Michael Meszaros called meeting to order; members and guests introduced themselves. The June meeting minutes were tabled.

Item 4 – Metropolitan Region Long Range Transportation Plan: Council of Governments (COG) representative **Ben Hampton** discussed future transportation forecast plans for the region under the Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP). The COG planning area spans 3,500 miles, from Frederick to Charles Counties, coordinating and planning railroads, ped & bike paths, transit services, aviation and water ways. The Transportation Planning Board (TPB), is a 44-member, independent decision making Federal entity made up of diverse local, state and, regional agencies. There is a 16-member technical staff to assist the TPB.

Mr. Hampton described COG requirements and its role in transportation planning through committees and subcommittees, such as the TPB:

- Federal requirements must be maintained to receive funding for future transportation projects that are in the long-range plan
- COG conducts regional coordination through programs, such as Commuter Connections
- Transportation land use program integrates land use at the local level
- Regional transportation coordination is done via programs such as Commuter Connections, small land use planning grants and COG committees and subcommittees

Mr. Hampton also discussed the Federal Highway Act of 1962, which dictates that areas with a population of 50,000 or more must have an organizing body for transportation planning.

Also discussed:

- The “3C” process that governs how COG functions – Continuing, Comprehensive and Cooperative process
- There is extensive public & stakeholder involvement in the planning process
- 20-30 year forecast on projects and clean air compliancy are some of the long-range planning process requirements
- Since 1991, Clean Air Act requirements must show projects do not contribute to emissions
- Projects of the CLRP include I-66 Express Lanes, Purple Line, Phase 2 of the Silver Line and MARC improvements - pedestrian and bike projects also included

Updated every four years, the CLRP compiles transportation projects of the region, but they do not fund or construct them. The CLRP serves as a decision-making tool to help COG:

- Analyze how job and population growth will affect travel patterns in the future – data compiled from local forecasts for the next 25-30 years
- Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) travel is down three percent as work trips are more transit-heavy
- Data obtained from various surveys – biking and walking is up four times around the urban core (though still a very small percentage)
- Three out of four new jobs will be built within ½ mile of Metro stations

The Committee discussed the need for faster development to keep pace with growth. Also discussed:

- The impact of Uber, Lyft and smart phones – smart phone data obtained from surveys

- Congestion going up, affecting access to jobs - based on 45-min average commute
- Job gains in N. Virginia and losses in Maryland
- “Visualize 2045” is an updated plan that, unlike the CLRP, analyzes projects regardless of available funds
- Information gathering from the public includes an interactive online survey asking travel patterns and what issues affect them
- Better fuel technology was noted as a major reason air emissions have declined

Item 5 – TMD Meeting Schedule: The Committee discussed having bi-monthly meetings. **Jim Carlson** will circulate an email for a decision to be made at the next meeting.

Item 6 – Employer Outreach Update: **Debra Buck** announced a test drive/demonstration of the Capital Bikeshare System

Item 7 – County Updates: **Sande Brecher** introduced **Maritza De La Vega**, the new Manager of the TRiPS Commuter Stores.

- The Mobile Commuter Store is coming soon
- FareShare for FY18 is ongoing - guidelines are flexible and Commuter Services will work with interested businesses
- Commuter Services was a winner of the Commuter Connections Employer Services Award

Item 7 – Around the Room: **Sgt. Moore** said officers will be conducting hi-visibility enforcement at Flower Avenue & Piney Branch, Rt. 29 & University Blvd – pedestrian focused.

Other announcements:

- Smooth Operator campaign focusing on aggressive driving going on July 21-31
- Downtown Silver Spring Association forming
- Pepco construction on Fenton Street starting in September- multiple year duration
- Newsletter compilation of the Top 20 downtown Silver Spring informational links
- WSSC water main relocations on Colesville Road and Georgia Avenue starting August and continuing thru 2018

Adjourn/Next Meeting: September 14, 2017

**Silver Spring Transportation Management District Advisory Committee Attendance
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Voting Members (12)			
Name	Affiliation	Present	Absen
Chamber Members (3)			
Chris Kabatt	Wells + Associates	X	
Michael Meszaros	Digital Industry, Inc.	X	
Juanita Stewart	The Peterson Companies		X
Citizens Advisory Board Members (3)			
Jim Bunch / Vice Chair	Kemp Mill, Four Corners, East SS		X
Phil Olivetti	North & West Sector Plan Area		X
Randall McLeod	CBD Resident		X
Employers less than 50 employees (3)			
Valerie Spencer	MayaTech	X	
Vacant			
Wendy Melis	SWANA		X
Employers with 50 or more employees			
G. Michael Price	Discovery Communications		X
Adenia Bradley	Southern Management		X
Vacant			
Non-Voting Members (3)			
Sandra Brecher, DOT-Commuter Services	MCDOT Director or Designee	X	
Katie Mencarini	M-NCPPC	X	
Reemberto Rodriguez	Silver Spring Regional Center	X	
Sgt. Kerry Moore	Montgomery County Police	X	
Staff			
Nakengi Byrd	MCDOT-Commuter Services	X	
Jim Carlson	MCDOT-Commuter Services	X	
Guests			
Debra Buck	Van Eperen & Co.	X	
Jay Elvove	Citizens Advisory Board	X	
Ben Hampton	MWCOG	X	
Julie Karron	Silver Spring Resident	X	
Christine McGrew	M-NCPPC	X	
Maritza De La Vega	MCDOT – Commuter Services	X	