



GREATER SHADY GROVE
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA
Greater Shady Grove Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee Meeting
September 18, 2019

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Johns Hopkins University / Gilchrist Hall Room 134
9601 Medical Center Drive, Rockville MD 20850
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- 8:30 1. **Welcome & Introductions (please sign in)**
 - 2. **Review of Minutes** **All**
 - 8:35 3. **SG Minor Master Plan Update: Transportation Conditions** **Patrick Reed**
Transportation Planner Coordinator
M-NCPPC
 - 9:10 4. **Traffic Mitigation Plans & TMP Annual Reports** **Jim Carlson/All**
Summary (©4)
 - 9:20 5. **Marketing Outreach Update** **Van Eperen & Co.**
TMD staff for Shady Grove
 - 9:30 6. **Updates: Police/TMD/DOT/Other County Updates** **Sandra Brecher**
Capt. Tom Didone
Catherine Matthews
Jim Carlson
International Car Free Days – Sept. 21-23
PARK(ing) Day – Sept. 20
Adult “Learn to Ride” bike classes
-Sept. 14 / JHU – 15 attended
-Oct 5 / GEICO, Chevy Chase
 - 9:45 7. **New Business / Around the Room** **All**
 - 10:00 **Adjourn**
Next meeting date: Nov. 6, 2019

Information Items

MCDOT Celebrates New Wheaton Library with 84th Bikeshare Station, Flex Shuttle and Outreach
MCDOT Schedules Semi-Annual Fall Cleaning of County Garages
Temporary Traffic Changes on Rockville Pike Starting Sept. 16
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Ride On Schedule Changes Effective Sept.15

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**Greater Shady Grove TMD
Traffic Mitigation Plan & TMP Annual Reports Summary
Sept 2019**

TMP Code Requirements:

1. *Contact person designated to receive and distribute commuter information to employees*
2. *Information on transit and other commute alternatives distributed/ posted regularly (furnished by Commuter Services/CSS)*
3. *Facilitate CSS/TMD staff presentations and commuter information events for employees and HR/administrative staff. This could include benefits fares and other employer-sponsored events*
4. *Guaranteed Ride Home Promotion (free regional program offering emergency rides)*
5. *Annual Commuter Survey distributed to employees (short survey of transportation– supplied by CSS/TMD)*
6. *ADA information provided (transportation services for people with disabilities)*
7. *Permanent display area for bus schedules and other transportation information*
8. *Compile information on yearly TMP activities and submit Annual Report*

New Traffic Mitigation Plans

Employer	Status	Recommend to MCDOT
National Electrical Benefit Fund	Meets all required elements and has voluntary measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New hire information provided • Showers, lockers • Flexible schedules • Transit benefit - \$65 	Yes
Radisson Hotel Washington DC-Rockville	Meets required elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New hire information provided 	Yes
Maryland Drive-Thru LLC (Checkers Drive-in)	Meets required elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New hire information provided • Flexible schedules • Indoor bike storage 	Yes

TMP Annual Reports

Shady Grove Center for Nursing and Rehab	Meets required elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New hire information provided • Lockers • Telework - occasional 	Yes
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association	Meets required elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New hire information provided • Reserved carpool/vanpool spaces • Bike racks, showers, lockers • Compressed schedule – 20 employees participate • Telework – 60% participate • Transit benefit - \$130/mo 	Yes

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MCDOT Celebrates New Wheaton Library with 84th Bikeshare Station, Flex Shuttle and Outreach

For Immediate Release: Tuesday, September 10, 2019



MCDOT shared in the community excitement over the grand opening of the new Wheaton Library and Community Recreation Center on Sunday, September 8, with an opening of its own: a new 15-dock Capital Bikeshare station installed at 11701 Georgia Avenue, ideally located for users of the newest county facilities. The new bikeshare station is the 84th in the county and will make it easier for people to visit the library, rec center and the Wheaton Local Park without getting in a car. Through Commuter Services, MCDOT offers both docked and dockless bikeshare connecting riders throughout Montgomery County.

Ride On staff were also on hand at the grand opening to introduce residents to Ride On Flex, the new on-demand transit option serving many Wheaton and Glenmont residents. The Flex's 3:30 – 7:00 p.m. afternoon service window in Glenmont/Wheaton is ideal for many library and rec center users. At the grand opening, an 11-passenger Flex bus shuttled residents from the overflow parking garage on Amherst Avenue to the event.

Through Ride On staff outreach, residents also learned about the expanded Kids Ride Free program on all Ride On buses, as well as the benefits of the Senior SmarTrip® card.

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MCDOT Schedules Semi-Annual Fall Cleaning of County Parking Garages

For Immediate Release: Friday, September 6, 2019



MCDOT's Division of Parking Management is scheduled to begin its semi-annual interior washdown of all 21 County-owned parking garages in Silver Spring, Bethesda and Wheaton.

The washings will occur on nights and weekends in the fall. The cleanings are scheduled to begin in Silver Spring garages on September 15 and end in Wheaton garages on November 3.

See the [full schedule](#).

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Temporary Traffic Changes on Rockville Pike/MD355 Starting September 16

For Immediate Release: Friday, September 13, 2019



From 9:00 a.m. Monday, September 16, through 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 20, right southbound and right northbound lanes at Jones Bridge and Rockville Pike/MD 355 will be closed for communication relocation and utility pole removal.

Also, the southbound Rockville Pike/MD 355 left turn lane onto South Wood Drive will be closed for center island demolition and reconstruction. Access to the South Wood Drive entrance of Walter Reed from southbound Rockville Pike/MD 355 will be open.

From 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. on these dates, two right southbound lanes on Rockville Pike/MD 355 at Center Drive will be closed for storm drain inlet installation.

Construction activity inside the Medical Center Metro Station has commenced and will continue thru fall 2020.

- View the handout flyer in English and Spanish.

- Two new Metro entrance elevators are being constructed on the Navy Side of Rockville Pike, along with a connecting passageway from the mezzanine level to the new elevators to serve passengers to and from the Walter Reed/Naval Support Activity Bethesda.
- All construction activities within the station will take place behind or within partitioned areas on the platform and mezzanine levels and will be performed during non-service hours. Work is not expected to impede access to or inside the Station.
- Project completion is anticipated in Fall 2020.

View map of the Rockville Pike/Jones Bridge Road/Woodmont Ave Intersection.

About the Crossing Project:

This work is part of the ongoing construction of the Crossing Project at the Medical Center Metro Station, near the Medical Center Metro Station, NIH, and the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Naval Support Activity Bethesda. When it is completed by mid-2020, the Crossing Project will provide a safe and more efficient environment for people and vehicles to get through this heavily trafficked area.

The Crossing Project has two main components: 1) A shallow pedestrian underpass connecting Naval Support Activity Bethesda/Walter Reed National Military Medical Center on the east side of Rockville Pike to NIH and the bus/commuter transit center on the west side; and 2) Deep elevators on the Navy side of Rockville Pike to the Metrorail mezzanine.

In addition, the Crossing Project includes pedestrian safety and traffic and transit improvements to the nearby intersections of MD 355 (Rockville Pike) @ Jones Bridge Road and Center Drive (NIH), and at MD 355 @ Woodmont Avenue.

- View map of the Crossing Project construction area.
- View pictures of the construction and of signs for safe pedestrian/cycling detours.
- View video to see what's happening underground.

For more information, visit md355crossing.com

A Safety Reminder:

As construction of the Crossing Project at the Medical Center Metro Station moves forward, the Montgomery County Dept. of Transportation (MCDOT) urges people to exercise caution as they walk, bike or travel near the construction zone. Please pay attention to all signs that have been posted for your safety. Walk or bike only on designated crosswalks, sidewalks and paths.

In the meantime, MCDOT appreciates the patience of everyone who lives, works or travels through the area.

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Ride On Recognized with GWRCCC's Fleet of the Year Award

For Immediate Release: Friday, August 30, 2019



Mike Nessel and Calvin Jones of MCDOT's Transit Division accepted the award.

MCDOT's Ride On bus service has been recognized as "Transit Fleet of the Year" by the Greater Washington Region Clean City Coalition (GWRCCC). The award was bestowed on Wednesday during the 2019 GWRCCC Annual Achievement Awards Luncheon, which highlights exemplary transportation initiatives in the DMV metropolitan area. The event was held at Clyde's of Gallery Place.

The award recognizes Ride On's commitment to clean transportation in its operation of 125 compressed natural gas (CNG) and 68 hybrid buses. Collectively, these 193 buses displaced almost 1.15 million gallons of gasoline in 2018 and reduced greenhouse gas emissions by more than 3,800 tons.

"I am proud of Ride On's success in reflecting the environmental sustainability goals of the Department and appreciate GWRCCC's acknowledgement of our achievements," said MCDOT Director Al Roshdieh. "While we take pride in our CNG and hybrid buses, we're also excited about the upcoming addition of electric buses to the Ride On fleet."



The first four electric buses are expected to arrive this fall.

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MCDOT Sponsors Free PARK(ing) Day Celebration; Individuals, Businesses and Organizations Invited to Celebrate

For Immediate Release: Friday, August 30, 2019



The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is encouraging artists, planners, businesses, organizations, groups and individuals to participate in International PARK(ing) Day on September 20 by temporarily transforming a metered parking space in Silver Spring or Bethesda into a fun, parklike spot. Participants are encouraged to creatively reimagine the urban landscape for a day. See photos online from previous years that include a park with plants, mini-golf course, campfire site and games and interactive activities for kids and adults. There is no charge to participate in the event; applications are due **no later than close of business on September 9.**

"PARK(ing) Day is a way to have fun, stimulate conversations about our transportation choices and support infrastructure that is more transit-oriented, bikeable and walkable," said MCDOT Director Al Roshdieh. "This year, MCDOT is offering PARK(ing) Day applicants the opportunity to promote their services in good taste and provide free samples or giveaways at their 'park.' In addition, applicants can suggest a preferred parking space location if the spot they have in mind was not identified as an option."

PARK(ing) Day spots were chosen with safety in mind, but MCDOT will evaluate other location suggestions. The use of parking spaces will be allowed from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., including set up and tear down.

Those interested in taking part in PARK(ing) Day can get more information and apply online or by mail. Participants are required to meet certain guidelines that are spelled out in the application. Guidelines for businesses have been relaxed to allow more promotional activities.

Looking for inspiration? See what others have done on past PARK(ing) Days.



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Ride On Announces Schedule Changes Effective Sunday, September 15, 2019

For Immediate Release: Wednesday, September 11, 2019



Ride On regularly assesses the need for service improvements and adjustments and makes those changes seasonally. Beginning Sunday, September 15, 2019, the following routes will have service reductions due to reduced ridership:

- Route 26 – 20 minutes between buses during rush hours (from 15 minutes)
- Route 38 – 30 minutes between buses (from 20-25 minutes)
- Route 59 – 20 minutes between buses during rush hours (from 15 minutes)

Rush hours for Ride On are 6:00-9:00 a.m. and 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Changes will be made to certain trip times to provide better service on bus routes 10, 39, 41, 47, 63, 75, 83 and 98.

In addition, several routes will have time changes to better reflect the actual travel time along the route. These include routes 22, 28 (VanGo), 73, 76, 81, 96 and 97.

Find more information about Ride On online at RideOnBus.com. Sign up for email alerts or text alerts by texting MONTGOMERY RIDEON to 468311, or follow Ride On on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram.

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