

**Greater Shady Grove
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
May 19, 2021**

Voting

John Brandt / Universities at Shady Grove
Amy Frieder / Neighborhood Representative
Benjamin Garcia / Neighborhood Representative
Steve Kelley / NIH – National Cancer Institute
McClellan Quinn / EYA
Paul Yanoshik / RE/MAX Realty Services

Ex Officio

Sandra Brecher / Representing MC Dept. of Transportation (MCDOT) Director
Catherine Matthews / Upcounty Regional Services Center
Capt. David McBain / Montgomery County Police
Vacant / City of Gaithersburg

Staff

Nakengi Byrd / Montgomery County Commuter Services
Jim Carlson / Montgomery County Commuter Service

Guests

Jake Adler / Van Eperen
Jennifer Bolick / Van Eperen
Gary Erenrich / MCDOT
Gehmelle Johnson / NIH – National Cancer Institute
Nkosi Yearwood / M-NCPPC

Item 1,2 – Introductions/Minutes: Members and guests introduced themselves.

March minutes tabled.

Item 3 – Metro Update: **Gary Erenrich** reported that transit still requires the wearing of masks. Also reported:

- Metro’s FY22 budget is now balanced due to the Covid relief funding, preventing service cuts
- Metrorail will be operating at 80 percent, Metrobus 85 percent- Ride On is holding the same level
- Metrobus service has been extended to 2 am
- Metro surveying riders to gauge ridership comeback – 60 percent of bus riders have returned, although in a different pattern. How many will telework is an issue for predicting future transit service
- Bus redesign studies for Ride On and Metro - MC to take lead in integrating the two studies

Mr. Erenrich discussed the Transportation Planning Board updating of its constrained long-range plan (Visualize 2045) that will choose which transportation projects are included; however, the Mid County

highway extended plan will not be included. Since the projects are slated to meet long term construction goals, it will not affect the Climate Action Plan (CAP).

- Survey results concluded that three of four Metrorail riders feel comfortable returning; however, telework is preventing return ridership. Vaccines may lessen fear of not being able to social distance
- Ride On is free until June 30th – fare pricing is not making a difference since Metro charges - Washington Post article on ridership projections does not look good.

Item 4 – Update: Approved Shady Grove Sector Plan Minor Master Plan Amendment: Nkosi Yearwood, M-NCPPC, gave an overview of the Council approved Shady Grove Minor Master Sector Plan, approved in April. The prior plan was 2006 and included staging triggers and development of the County Service Park with new public facilities. The 2021 plan makes modifications around some of the key properties with more development around the Metro station area. Also reported:

- Although there are no staging requirements, Vision Zero and MC bikeways are aggressively used in development
- County Service Park has been in development since 2012
- The long/near term planning in Metro sections south & west include property ownership turnover, WAMTA surface lot pending needed infrastructure – Metro & MCDOT to decide development needs
- Discussion regarding parking garage modification options and potential mixed-use construction
- A recommendation of street connections - continuing road on west side of SG development
- First phase of the WestSide Shady Grove Station has been built as the other phases are in construction with residential development
- Jerimiah Park site development is halted until a new site for the bus depot that is currently there
- More height, density and public housing included in plan for the shopping center at Shady Grove & Crabbs Branch
- New community facilities – fire station, library and public spaces
- Environmental consideration in development
- Mobility-focused development - Vision Zero, BRT along Frederick Rd, Bikeways, Corridor Cities Transit Way
- Some recommendations regarding the High Injury Network locations
- Transportation Demand Management District has been extended by the plan-NADMS increased
- MCDOT working on BRT for station locations and routes
- Infrastructure needed include public roads, new WMATA access & parking garages
- Contact information in the presentation and upcoming is the zoning process- July 8th which will start the adoption process

Q & A discussion included:

- Plan calls for an update to the inactive annexation agreement between the Cities of Rockville, Gaithersburg and Montgomery County
- Discussion of 355 Interchange in Rockville disagreement
- Community issue with retail development at southeast corner of Shady Grove & Crabbs Branch due to inadequate access

- The Herston development will have affordable housing -15 percent of housing comprised of Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (Herston is 25 percent -15 percent MPDU's and 10 percent workforce housing)
- Micromobility comments were included in the plan

Item 5 – Employer TDM Plans: Jim Carlson reported that 30 companies submitted TDM plans and annual reports. He commented that when the Committee recommends approval, he sends an email to the company notifying them of the Committee's decision. Business with under 25 employees can submit voluntary plans.

The Committee recommended MCDOT's Director approve the Companies plans

Item 6 – Marketing Outreach Update: Jennifer Bolick reported:

- Working with employers to increase their transportation program efforts for employees
- Offering telework consulting services to employers
- FareShare program promotion
- Bike To Work Day – 20-year anniversary May 21st

Item 7 – Updates:

- FY22 budget review process is underway – need to show demand for the FareShare program to preserve funding
- Working to finalize the Climate Action Plan draft
- Bike Swag Contest- promotes biking by participants taking pictures on the featured trail and entering in to win a swag bag

Around the Room: Benny Garcia reported:

- Monday, 5/24th meeting with County Executive regarding bus issue
- Meeting regarding lighting along the Redland Road bike trail
- **John Brandt** reported that he is retiring and will be replaced w/ **Mike Wahl**

Adjourn: Next meeting date July 7, 2021