

**Greater Shady Grove
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
July 1, 2020**

Voting

John Brandt / Universities at Shady Grove
Benjamin Garcia / Neighborhood Representative
Steve Kelley / NIH – National Cancer Institute
Amy Frieder / Neighborhood Representative
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

Staff

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

Absent

McClellan Quinn / EYA

Guests

Jennifer Bolick / Van Eperen
Andrew Bossi / MCDOT
Gary Erenrich / MCDOT
Gehmelle Johnson / NIH-National Cancer Institute
Laura Van Eperen / Van Eperen

Item 1 & 2 - Introductions/Minutes: Members and guest introduced themselves.

Item 3 –Metro reopening update: **Gary Erenrich** discussed Metro reopening of Grosvenor Station with a deferred vote at Metro’s board meeting regarding replacing parking loss to construction staging. Parking at stations help pay revenue bonds for Garage maintenance and operations. Also reported:

- Metrorail open until 9 pm with 53 routes operating, adding service to S route.
- Rockville station pedestrian bridge reconstruction underway to repair structural problems - nine months completion; shuttle bus provided for ADA customers.
- Pedestrian bridge canopy in worse shape than bridge and is scheduled for future construction as the red line will need to be shut down for some period of time - canopy project delayed due to budget constraints.
- Discussion regarding constructing an art mural at Rockville station.

Item 4 – Complete Streets: **Andrew Bossi** and **Steve Aldrich** presented to the Committee the Complete Streets project, which is a joint effort between MCDOT & Planning Department to set design standards

for safer streets. On July 23rd there will be a MNCPPC public planning meeting. The project designs streets using Vision Zero principals to supplement Master Plans as a guide to how cars, bikes and pedestrians safely interact on the road. Also discussed:

- May 2019 conducted Developer & Designer open houses for community feedback
- Coordination with State Highway Administration (SHA)
- Guideline recommendations will be presented to County Council for vote
- The Complete Streets guidelines contain 10 chapters discussing the environmental & space making elements of street design
- Street types detail the transportation function of streets
- Twelve road types are identified, with examples of where they apply
- Master table provides label of project priorities
- Street Zone table shows the six zones – three in the street, three outside street
- Pedestrian clear zone is completely clear for pedestrian travel
- Intersection access management-geometric design navigating vehicles-eliminating channeled right turn lanes to reduce pedestrian crossing distance for safety
- Bikeways and “breezeways” - high speed bike highways
- Speed management to equalize the four types of speed with the goal of reducing overall speed on roadways by creating a sense of closure
- Chapter 10: Implementation provides a graph detailing “Complete Street” planning from the beginning of the project to completion

Next steps of the project were also discussed with a MNCPPC board meeting September 10th to adopt guidelines. Future efforts include mitigating bike rack placement, scooter corrals and street side parking. Discussion continued with Q & A:

- The mitigation of trash can placement in buffer area
- Informational links were provided in the Teams chat
- No Covid designing consideration for guidelines or the process for block parties

Item 5 - Marketing Outreach Update: Jennifer Bolick reported on the following:

- As Phase 2 reopening increasing communications with employers, with teleworking continuing into the Fall likely
- Making people feel more confident in taking transit - carpooling with one other person only
- Route 29 & 495 construction taking place when fewer people are on the roads due to Covid
- Engaging employers to work on Transportation Demand Management plans

Item 6 - Updates:

- Bike Match program: 100 applicants in the first week of the program - no contact bike exchanges, bike donations needed
- Council of Governments (COG) Commuter Connections Recognition Awards - all three winners were Montgomery County businesses
- Committee discussion regarding bike parking as it seems to only be available for cars-retail parking
- Removing of some Cabi Bikeshare stations due to low usage
- City of Gaithersburg approved bikeshare and e-scooter use

- Council Bill 8-20 covers use of e-scooters
- Street constructions changes in Germantown commercial district along Century Blvd
- Limited Police enforcement during Covid
- Speed slowing camera placed on Crabbs Branch way
- ICC aggressive enforcement
- Discussion regarding the danger of left turns

Item 7- Adjourn: Next meeting date: September 16, 2020