

**Greater Shady Grove
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
September 7, 2016**

**Johns Hopkins University
Montgomery County Campus
9601 Medical Center Dr., Rockville MD 20850
Gilchrist Hall / Room 134**

Voting

John Brandt / Universities at Shady Grove
Steven Kelley / NIH-National Cancer Institute
Ellen Poltilove / Johns Hopkins University
McClellan Quinn / EYA
Randy Scritchfield / Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber
Jordan Snow / 1788 Holdings

Non-Voting

Joseph Allen / Neighborhood Representative – Gaithersburg

Ex Officio

Sandra Brecher / Representing Montgomery County Dept. of Transportation (MCDOT) Director
Capt. Thomas Didone / Montgomery County Police
Katie Mencerini / M-NCPPC
Rob Robinson / City of Gaithersburg Planning

Staff

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

Absent

Catherine Matthews / Upcounty Regional Services Center

Guests

Melissa DiMercurio / Van Eperen & Company – TMD Outreach
Gehmelle Johnson / NIH, attending for Steve Kelley
Steve Simon / Van Eperen & Company – TMD Outreach

Item 1 – Welcome/Introductions/Comments: **Jim Carlson** called meeting to order. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Item 2 – Review of Minutes: June and July minutes were agreed to by assent.

Item 3 – SafeTrack Update: **Gary Erenrich** reported on the progress of SafeTrack. Out of the 15 surges scheduled, three will directly affect the Red Line; two have already occurred – Surges 6 and 7. Surge 10, a total closure, will have the highest impact on riders, affecting 110,000. Other surge updates:

- Surge 6, which had the second highest impact, went smoothly because it was well advertised.
- The eastern side of Shady Grove station carried 15-21 thousand commuters, and buses made 54 trips a day.
- Parking restrictions were enforced, allowing shuttle buses curb lane access for speedier service.
- There was a brief break after Surge 7; however, repairs are now in Surge 9 with 10-15 days scheduled.
- In the coming months, Surge 10 – the last one directly affecting the Red Line and having the biggest impact – will be a 3-week total closure.
- Surge 7 consisted of single tracking between Shady Grove -Twinbrook Aug. 9-19; closed for two additional weekends and was extended by a day.
- Discussion regarding MARC train minimal participation; and, although there are reduced headway times, parking is an issues for commuters who use the system.
- Metro considering reduction of operating hours to allow for more maintenance and repairs of the system.

Item 4 – FareShare Update: Mr. Carlson announced that the County has re-launched the FareShare program and promoted the following features:

- A good buy for businesses due to tax credits.
- The County matches businesses contributions.
- The cost reimbursements have an easier administrative processing.
- The seed money program is for one year in 12 installments.
- Business must register as vendors in the Counties Vendor Registration System.
- Commuter Services is working with contractors to market FareShare to businesses in the TMD that do not currently provide a direct transit/vanpool benefit.
- 10,000 is the maximum matching amount employers can receive (\$50/employee/month).

Item 5 – Updates:

- **Captain Didone** announced that the next few weeks will be the worst for traffic congestion due to the start of the school season.
- School bus cameras will be installed to record drivers illegally passing the buses when stopped-tickets will be issued.
- Walk and Ride Challenge starts September 12th and runs for three weeks.
- No free parking at The Universities at Shady Grove as of October 1st – garage will be \$2 per hour /\$10 max
- Car Free Day Thursday, September is 22nd. County DOT representatives will be at Shady Grove Metro 6:30 – 9 AM to thank riders and provide giveaways.
- PARK(ing) Day Friday, September 16th. Turning parking spots into oases to raise awareness about excessive reliance on cars and promoting green space.

Item 6 – Marketing Outreach Update: Steve Simon announced that Van Eperen is participating in Commuter Information Days (CIDs) at employer work sites on a regular basis, and have hosted “Lunch & Learns” at FINRA to promote employee transportation options.

Item 7 Adjourn

Next meeting date: October 5, 2016

Room 227