

**Greater Shady Grove
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
January 4, 2017**

**Johns Hopkins University
Montgomery County Campus
9601 Medical Center Dr., Rockville MD 20850
Academic & Research (A&R) Building / Room 107**

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**Voting**

- Dr. Antoine Banks** / Westside Neighborhood
- 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
- Catherine Matthews** / Upcounty Regional Services Center

**Staff**

- Jim Carlson** / Montgomery County Commuter Services

**Absent**

- Nakengi Byrd** / Montgomery County Commuter Services
- Ed Axler** / M-NCPPC
- Capt. Thomas Didone** / Montgomery County Police

**Guests**

- David Anspacher** / M-NCPPC
- Kirk Eby** / City of Gaithersburg
- Melissa DiMercurio** / Van Eperen & Company – TMD Outreach
- Benjamin Garcia** / Westside Neighborhood
- Gehmelle Johnson** / NIH – National Cancer Institute
- Caterina Ore** / Van Eperen & Company
- Laura Van Eperen** / Van Eperen & Company

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Item 1 & 2 – Introductions/Minutes: The meeting was called to order. Members and guests introduced themselves.

The Committee agreed to the December minutes.

Item 3 – Montgomery County Bicycle Master Plan: David Anspacher, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), presented an update on the Bicycle Master Plan that included the following key points:

- Defining the framework and vision for bicycle facilities and trails in Montgomery County
 - Vision Statement: *“Everyone in Montgomery County will be able to travel by bicycle on a comfortable, safe and connected bicycle network. Bicycling will become a viable transportation option and elevate the quality of life in the County.”*
- Using metrics and data collection to measure progress in improving the bicycle network
 - Goal: Increase bicycling rates in Montgomery County
 - Objective: Increase the percent of County residents who commute by bicycling
 - Metric: Percentage of residents who commute by bicycle
 - Data Collection: Method of transportation that people use for the longest distance segment of their trip to work
- Goals will be realized through improvements to:
 - Bicycle infrastructure
 - Programs targeting Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Areas (BPPAs)
 - Policies that improve bicycle use along roadways
 - Priorities include replacing the existing approach, identifying countywide bikeway and local bikeway priorities, with a more targeted “high priority bikeway”, “priority bikeway” and “bikeway” plan
- Monitoring and goal assessment are keys to evaluating effectiveness
 - Measurement includes Measure of Connectivity, identifying areas of the network that are “appropriate for most bicyclists” or “inappropriate for most bicyclists”
 - Bike parking facilities included in the analysis
- Bikeway Classification vision includes:
 - Trails – off-road and stream valley trails
 - Separated Bikeways – sidepaths and separated bike lanes
 - Striped Highways – buffered bike lanes, bike lanes, advisory bike lanes
 - Bikeable Shoulders
 - Shared Roads – neighborhood greenways and shared streets
- Goals for the Shady Grove Life Sciences Center:
 - Separated bike lane network connecting to planned Corridor Cities Transit Station
 - Connections between Rockville and Gaithersburg
 - Secure bicycle parking facilities

Additional information on the Bicycle Master Plan:

<http://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/functional-planning/bicycle-master-plan/>

Item 4 – FY18 Operating Budget Priorities for the TMD: Jim Carlson discussed the upcoming meeting of the County Executive with the County’s boards, committees & commissions chairs. This will be the first year that the Greater Shady Grove TMD Advisory Committee meets to discuss its fiscal year spending priorities.

Mr. Carlson discussed the TMD Draft Work Plan, included in the meeting packet, as a starting point for identifying the TMD’s priorities for issues related to transportation and pedestrian/bicycle access and safety for the next fiscal year. Committee members were encouraged to provide suggestions.

Jordon Snow and **Joseph Allen** volunteered to represent the TMD Advisory Committee in the meeting with the County Executive.

Item 5 – Marketing Outreach Update: The Van Eperen outreach team (Laura Van Eperen, Melissa DiMercurio, Caterina Ore) provided a hand out with highlights of employer outreach activities in 2016:

- Hosted a successful Bike To Work Day pit stop, attended by more than 160 visitors
- Created and staffed 12+ Capital Bikeshare “Test Drive” events
- Participated in Earth Day at National Cancer Institute, and Johns Hopkins University’s Emergency Preparedness Fair
- Hosted a table for Car Free Day and Dump the Pump at Shady Grove Metro
- Hosted monthly Commuter Information Day (CID) events at selected employer sites
- Promoted the FareShare program to employers

Item 6 – Updates: County Executive Ike Leggett to host a series of public forums in January on the FY18 Operating Budget (all meeting times 7 pm) –

- Monday, Jan. 9: Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, Bethesda
- Wednesday, Jan. 11: Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, Silver Spring
- Wednesday, Jan. 18: Mid-County Community Rec Center, Silver Spring
- Wednesday, Jan. 25: Silver Spring Civic Building
- Monday, Jan. 30: BlackRock Center for the Arts, Germantown

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting date: February 1, 2017