

**Greater Shady Grove  
Transportation Management District  
Advisory Committee  
February 1, 2017**

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

**Voting**

**Steven Kelley** / NIH-National Cancer Institute  
**Ellen Poltilove** / Johns Hopkins University

**Non-Voting**

**Joseph Allen** / Neighborhood Representative – Gaithersburg

**Ex Officio**

**Sandra Brecher** / Representing Montgomery County Dept. of Transportation (MCDOT) Director

**Staff**

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

**Absent**

**Ed Axler** / M-NCPPC

**Dr. Antoine Banks** / Westside Neighborhood  
**John Brandt** / Universities at Shady Grove  
**Capt. Thomas Didone** / Montgomery County Police  
**Catherine Matthews** / Upcounty Regional Services Center  
**McClellan Quinn** / EYA  
**Randy Scritchfield** / Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber  
**Jordan Snow** / 1788 Holdings

**Guests**

**Gary Erenrich** / MCDOT  
**Melissa DiMercurio** / Van Eperen & Company – TMD Outreach  
**Gehmelle Johnson** / NIH – National Cancer Institute  
**Caterina Ore** / Van Eperen & Company  
**Anne Root** / MCDOT

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

**Item 3 – Capital Bikeshare Presentation:** Ann Root, MCDOT Bikeshare Coordinator, discussed new and existing stations. There were two grants that played a major part in the bikeshare extension at Mallory Square in Rockville. Additional stations:

- Three stations in Silver Spring,
- Two in Bethesda
- Five stations in Wheaton-not funded by grant or bond

**Ms. Root** said she was working with Prince George’s County to set up stations at the National Harbor that will connect to the Alexandria bikeshare network. The Greater Shady Grove area received two stations, purchased by EYA as part of its impact tax credit. Also discussed:

- Four stations to be added to the existing 22
- Thirteen percent of the bikeshare system is in Montgomery County
- Ridership continues to grow. April-September were highest rider months
- Lunchtime has the highest ridership in the Greater Shady Grove area
- During Metro’s SafeTrack project, bikeshare saw higher ridership

**Ms. Root** explained that when planning stations, safety is the most important goal and making sure a station fits within the existing infrastructure. Other points:

- Bicycle safety classes, hosted by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA), familiarize participants with the rules of the road
- Additional safety and real-time wayfinding signage provided for cyclists
- Helmets provided free for MCLiberty members and \$16 for a bikeshare annual membership. MCLiberty is Montgomery County’s program to assist low income members.

The City of Gaithersburg is exploring the possibility of new stations and expanding the bikeshare network in the Greater Shady Grove area. Other discussions:

- Marketing strategies used to familiarize area employers to the bikeshare system – “Bike to Lunch” days, coupons and corporate discounts
- Low accident rates

**Item 4 - Metro FY18 Proposed Service Cuts/SafeTrack Update:** Gary Erenrich announced there will be a public hearing Monday, February 6, regarding Metro’s proposed FY18 fare increases and budget cuts - Monday morning is the comment deadline.

**Mr. Erenrich** reviewed a handout noting the \$290 million budget gap is to be spread among bus service cuts to J7, J9 and 270 Express service, internal management positions and the three jurisdictions. Other areas mentioned:

- Proposed \$0.10 rail increase and Metro Access increases to \$6.50
- Possible reinstatement of turnbacks on the Red Line at Grosvenor, increasing headways 12-15 minutes
- An explanation of why the automatic eight car trains were switched to manual operation after the Ft. Totten accident, reducing trains from 24 an hour to 15 and causing more crowding and turnbacks
- Discussion of the agreement between the State and Metro to eliminate turnbacks by purchasing a portion of the 7000 series rail cars, increasing carrying capacity
- Reduced or eliminated bus service cuts proposed to Routes J1-J5 (beltway route), J7 & J9, T2 - budget cuts based on low ridership but evenly distributed among jurisdictions

- Discussion of payment alternatives to fund Metro such as a Federal grant for maintenance instead of using operating funds to cover repairs
- A discussion regarding J7 and J9 impact on the Greater Shady Grove area, crowding at Shady Grove Metro
- Surge 16 will be added to SafeTrack, which is a redo of Surge 7 single tracking between Twinbrook and Shady Grove - issues with planning due to lack of funds

**Item 5 - Marketing Outreach: Melissa DiMercurio** from Van Eperen reported:

- Meeting with Glaxo Smith Kline
- Planning underway for 2017 Bike to Work Day
- COG nominations for the Employer of the Year awards - DrFirst nominated
- Earth Day events scheduled

**Item 6-Updates: Ms. Brecher** reported that **Derrick Harrigan**, CSS, will be assisting Sharp & Co. and Van Eperen with Bikeshare marketing and events.

**Item 7-Around the Room:**

**Adjourn: March 1, 2017**