

**Greater Shady Grove
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
April 5, 2017**

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

Voting

Dr. Antoine Banks / Westside Neighborhood
Steven Kelley / NIH-National Cancer Institute
Ellen Poltilove / Johns Hopkins University
Jordan Snow / 1788 Holdings

Non-Voting

Joseph Allen / Neighborhood Representative – Gaithersburg

Ex Officio

Capt. Thomas Didone / Montgomery County Police
Alyssa Roff / City of Gaithersburg

Staff

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

Absent

Ed Axler / M-NCPPC
John Brandt / Universities at Shady Grove
Sandra Brecher / Representing Montgomery County Dept. of Transportation (MCDOT) Director
Catherine Matthews / Upcounty Regional Services Center
McClellan Quinn / EYA
Randy Scritchfield / Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber

Guests

Karen Addis / Van Eperen
Steve Findley / M-NCPPC
Gehmelle Johnson / NIH – National Cancer Institute
Bill Jones / Westside Shady Grove
Caterina Ore / Van Eperen & Company
Laura Van Eperen / Van Eperen & Co.

Item 1 & 2 – Introductions/Minutes Review: Members and guests introduced themselves. February meeting minutes approved.

Item 3 – Great Seneca/Life Sciences Corridor Master Plan: Steve Findley, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) provided an overview of the LSC Master Plan. The Plan was adopted in June, 2010, with the purpose of redeveloping the Life Sciences Center as a pedestrian and bicycle friendly community.

Discussion:

- Development is based on four staging triggers with a cap on residential and commercial capacity.
- Future construction of the Corridor City Transit way must be funded to complete Stage 1.
- Residential construction is being introduced with the Public Safety Training Academy; to continue commercial space build up the plan needs to move to Stage 2.
- Non-Auto Driver Mode Share (NADMS) staging triggers:
 - Stage 1 – 18 percent
 - Stage 2 – 23 percent
 - Stage 3 – 28 percent
- NADMS is measured using the commuter survey – current NADMS is 16 percent.
- The 3½ mile Life Sciences Corridor Loop Trail will link communities together and provide ped/bike access in the area. The design guidelines were approved and funded by a Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC) grant.
- The layout of redevelopment can be found online at www.montgomeryplanning.org along with urban design guidelines.
- The Master Plan cannot be changed without Council approval – LSC Loop is an amendment to the Plan.
- The Bicycle Master Plan is being done concurrently with the LSC Loop, resulting in modification in LSC design.
- The Bicycle MP requires the establishment of an advisory committee comprised of landowners, Gaithersburg & Rockville residents, government officials – meets the fourth Tuesday every other month.
- Creative means used to finance the project via grants, development contributions and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) line items – must be ‘shovel ready’ first to compete for grants.
- The timing of completion for the LSC Loop depends on development build out.

Item 4 – WMATA SafeTrack update: Mr. Carlson gave a brief update regarding surges:

- Surge 16 – between Shady Grove and Twinbrook stations, June 17-25. Extra buses will be available.
- Surge 14 – College Park / Greenbelt done in two phases from April 15th to May 14th.

Item 4 – Employer Traffic Mitigation Plans: Mr. Carlson went over requirements for companies that submit TMPs and TMP annual reports – providing a contact person, posting transit information, allowing staff presentation and Commuter Information Days from CSS staff and contractors, Commuter Survey and providing ADA & Guaranteed Ride Home information to employees. The Committee recommended approval for three of the four plans under consideration:

- The Insurance Exchange
- Johns Hopkins University
- Tetracore, Inc.
- American Red Cross is pending follow-up from TMD staff.

Item 5 – Marketing Outreach:

- City Cycling Training Classes by WABA coming up, sponsored by Montgomery County
- Bike to Work Day May 19th

Item 6 – Updates: Capt. Didone reported:

- Vision Zero – obtaining a GIS map layer for the TMD to easily produce bike & pedestrian data.
- Due to the warm weather, pedestrian and bicyclist collisions are on the increase.
- Discussion regarding the failure to pass the HAWK signal bill in the State Legislature. However, a modified pedestrian signal beacon at Veirs Mill and Turkey Branch crossing was installed in response to recent pedestrian fatalities.

Item 7 – Around the Room: Jordan Snow presented the Committee’s FY18 budget recommendations at the County Executive’s annual meeting. **Mr. Snow** said it was a positive experience and provided an opportunity to learn about the County’s other boards and committees.

Adjourn: Next meeting date: May 3, 2017