Greater Shady Grove
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
May 2, 2018

Voting
John Brandt / Universities at Shady Grove
Ellen Poltilove / Johns Hopkins University
McCLean Quinn / EYA
Paul Yanoshik / RE/MAX Realty Services

Non-Voting
Joseph Allen / Neighborhood Representative – Gaithersburg

Ex Officio
Sandra Brecher / Representing MC Dept. of Transportation (MCDOT) Director
Capt. Thomas Didone / Montgomery County Police
Catherine Matthews / Upcounty Regional Services Center
Alyssa Roff / City of Gaithersburg

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

Absent
Ed Axler / M-NCPPC
Dr. Antoine Banks / Westside Neighborhood
Steven Kelley / NIH-National Cancer Institute
Jordan Snow / 1788 Holdings

Guests
Jennifer Bolick / Van Eperen
Gary Erenrich / MCDOT
Gehmelle Johnson / NCI

Item 1 & 2 – Introductions/Minutes: Members and guests introduced themselves. September and November 2017 minutes were approved.

Item 3 – Bicycle & Pedestrian Infrastructure Enhancements: Garry Erenrich, MCDOT, reported that the County had applied for a grant from Transportation Planning Board, Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC grant) to provide funding for underserved aspects of transportation. The grant will provide seed money to develop information and marketing for biking infrastructure and “green paint” markings.
The markings are in two locations currently with plans to distribute throughout the County, focusing on Bicycle Pedestrian Priority Areas (BiPPAs). Grant funds ($60k) will also be used for two information videos, palm cards and a booklet, t-shirts and brochures by July 1, the grant deadline.

Features of the biking infrastructure information and markings include:

- Meanings of specific green paint zones
- “Look Out” branding catch phrase
- Bike boxes and how they relate to parking and separated bike lanes
- Floating bus stops-bus stops on a concrete island that separate passengers, bikes and vehicular traffic
- Discussion regarding the production of information videos – focus group input

Marketing collaterals (palm cards, info booklets):

- Procedures for parking along a bike lane for cars and cyclists
- Bike post barriers for bikes & vehicles-plastic construction for safety
- Plans to standardize safety features working with State Highway Administration for state road maintenance
- Issues with making floating bus stops ADA accessible
- Pocket lanes used for cyclist to not intermingle with right turning vehicles
- Cyclist in front of traffic at stop lights in driver’s view to give them a safe head start
- Designers are still figuring out right of way for cyclist to update brochures
- Continuing work on videos to make entertaining and informative

Other outreach efforts:

- Suggestions of working MVA to put info in driver’s handbooks, in schools, buses and at gas stations
- Yellow “Look Out” t-shirts and street teams

Item 4 – Employer Traffic Mitigation Plan Annual Reports: Five employers submitted TMP annual reports. All complied with the eight required plan elements plus have implemented additional voluntary measures at their work sites. The Committee recommended approval to the DOT Director.

Item 5 – Marketing Outreach Update: Van Eperen reported:

- They are working with employers to complete TMPs and TMP annual reports
- Promoting the upcoming Bike to Work Day to area businesses and employees
- Bike to College day at Montgomery College at Rockville & Takoma Park campuses was a success
Item 6 – Updates:

- Bike to Work Day events at Falls Grove & Great Seneca in the AM & at Gaithersburg MARC Station 4-6 pm
- Pop-up bike lane in downtown Bethesda and adding Bike To Work Day pit stop on Bethesda Avenue-working with Bethesda Urban Partnership (BUP)
- Mobile Commuter Store is doing well-more stops added
- Green Fest and Move More Montgomery coming up 5/5/18
- Discussion regarding Crabbs Branch traffic calming efforts due to high amount of crashes -no room for traffic calming but will implement speed cameras as an alternative
- A thank you to Paul Yanoshik for his presentation at the County Executive FY19 operating budget priority meeting
- Eastside of the Red Line closure in July
- Farmers Market starting at Johns Hopkins in two weeks – 11-2 pm Wednesdays
- Tour de Cookie

Capt. Tom Didone discussed the implementation of high-intensity activated crosswalk (HAWKs) signal usage. HAWK beacons were initially not approved for use by SHA due to perceived liability issues and that they were not recommended in the Manual Uniform Traffic Control devices handbook. However, the General Assembly ruled they could be used. The pedestrian activated signals work by flashing a yellow beacon warning drivers, then red directing them to stop, next proceeding to flashing red as to not hold up traffic. This allows the signal to not have to sync with traffic existing traffic signals.

Capt. Didone also announced:
- The Road to Zero National Conference – to educate officials on the need to protect the undereducated, vulnerable users (motorcycle drivers) by safer engineering of traffic infrastructure

Adjourn: Next meeting date – July 5, 2018