



SILVER SPRING  
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**AGENDA**

**Sept. 12, 2019 / 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Discovery Communications**  
**8403 Colesville Road, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Silver Spring**

**Chair – Valerie Spencer**  
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| <b>8:00</b> | <b>1. Introductions/Agenda Review/Chair Comments</b><br>Additions to agenda  | <b>Valerie Spencer</b>   |
|             | <b>2. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes</b>   | <b>All</b>   |
| <b>8:05</b> | <b>3. BRT Update</b>   | <b>Marcelo Cortez</b><br>MCDOT Engineering   |
| <b>8:40</b> | <b>4. Employer TMP Annual Reports</b><br>Summary (©4)  | <b>Jim Carlson/All</b>   |
| <b>8:50</b> | <b>5. MCDOT Director Letter</b><br>Director Al Roshdieh reply to TMD letter (©5)   | <b>Jim Carlson/All</b>   |
| <b>9:10</b> | <b>6. Employer Outreach Update</b>   | <b>TMD Marketing Staff</b>   |
| <b>9:15</b> | <b>7. Updates: Police/TMD/DOT/Other County Updates</b><br>Walk & Ride Challenge Sept 9 - 27<br>PARK(ing) Day Sept 20<br>Adult “Learn to Ride” bike classes:<br>-Sept 14/Johns Hopkins campus, Rockville<br>-Oct 5/GEICO, Chevy Chase | <b>Sandra Brecher</b><br><b>Sgt. Kerry Moore</b><br><b>Reemberto Rodriguez</b><br><b>Jim Carlson</b> |

**Adjourn / Next Meeting: November 14, 2019**

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Information Items:

*MCDOT Schedules Semi-Annual Fall Cleaning of County Garages*

*Temporary Traffic Changes on Rockville Pike Starting Sept. 9*

*Ride On Recognized with GWRCCC's Fleet of the Year Award*

*MCDOT Sponsors PARK(ing) Day Celebration*

*MCDOT to Hold Public Hearing for Proposed Lyttonsville Sidewalk Construction – Oct. 2*

*Volunteers Sought for MC Climate Planning Process Work Groups*

**Silver Spring TMD  
Traffic Mitigation Plan Summary – Annual Reports  
Sept. 2019**

**TMP Code Requirements:**

1. *Contact person designated to receive and distribute commuter information to employees*
2. *Information on transit and other commute alternatives distributed/ posted regularly (furnished by Commuter Services/CSS)*
3. *Facilitate CSS/TMD staff presentations and commuter information events for employees and HR/administrative staff. This could include benefits fairs and other employer-sponsored events*
4. *Guaranteed Ride Home Promotion (free regional program offering emergency rides)*
5. *Annual Commuter Survey distributed to employees (short survey of transportation– supplied by CSS/TMD)*
6. *ADA information provided (transportation services for people with disabilities)*
7. *Permanent display area for bus schedules and other transportation information*
8. *Compile information on yearly TMP activities and submit Annual Report*

<b>Employer</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Recommend to MCDOT</b>
<b>CCI Health and Wellness</b>	Meets requirements and has voluntary measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New employee information</li> <li>• Bike rack</li> <li>• Direct benefit - \$65</li> <li>• Looking at a pre-tax option</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Family &amp; Nursing Care</b>	Meets requirements and has voluntary measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New employee information</li> <li>• Bike racks - nearby county garage</li> <li>• Telework: &gt;50% participate at least 1 day/week</li> <li>• Direct benefit - \$125</li> <li>• Pre-tax</li> </ul>	Yes



## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Marc Elrich  
*County Executive*

Al R. Roshdieh  
*Director*

July 16, 2019

Valerie Spencer, Chair  
Silver Spring Transportation Management District Advisory Committee

Dear Ms. Spencer,

Thank you for your June 3<sup>rd</sup> letter regarding concerns raised by the Silver Spring TMD Advisory Committee about implementation of the Bicycle Master Plan, changes in road lanes and markings, dockless e-bikes and the e-scooter pilot program. The community's input is vital as MCDOT makes the infrastructure improvements to enhance safety and mobility that are required under Master Plans approved by the Planning Board and adopted by the County Council.

**Spring Street Traffic Lane Redesign:** The Spring Street modifications were developed to facilitate access from businesses (United Therapeutics) on the south side of Spring Street, between Cameron Street and Colesville Road and allow safer egress onto westbound Spring Street from these businesses. I'm concerned about the operational issues you described in your letter. MCDOT will review traffic queuing along Spring Street and review signal timing and operations at Spring Street and Cameron Street to assess conditions and determine whether changes can be made to improve operations.

**Retain On-street Parking on Fenton Street:** We recognize that the business community depends on the convenience of curb parking to serve customers. MCDOT strives to retain on-street parking spaces where practicable while meeting the goals and objectives set forth in the Bicycle Master Plan that may involve the elimination of some spaces. The construction activities associated with utility work and the Purple Line are, as you point out, exacerbating curb parking space issues. We will take a close look at Fenton Street to see if there are any alternatives, particularly while construction is ongoing.

**Project Coordination and Public Safety:** We couldn't agree more that close collaboration with all relevant agencies, both internal and external, on transportation projects is essential. That is why our departmental staff coordinates with M-NCPPC and the Planning Board, Montgomery County Police and the Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA) in the implementation of all transportation planning goals.

**Benchmarking:** Under the County's Memoranda of Understanding with dockless vehicle vendors, they are required to provide MCDOT with all accident, usage and other important trip information on a monthly basis. Unfortunately, the companies, through their rental transaction

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process, do not collect demographic data, such as age or disability status. To obtain this type of information, MCDOT will assess whether to conduct a user survey in the future.

**Expanded Enforcement:** Your idea to increase police bike patrols in the CBD to provide better enforcement and public education about the new bicycle markings and lane configurations is an excellent one and MCDOT will be happy to pass this information on to the Police Department. We also suggest that you share this idea directly with them.

**Education/Community Outreach:** MCDOT has regularly briefed the Silver Spring TMD, attended by Police, and staff has been working closely with the Police Department on the roll-out of infrastructure changes, so we are not sure why the word about the new bike lanes and traffic configurations has not reached all the traffic officers in Silver Spring. Based on your comment, we will certainly reach out to Police again.

I greatly appreciate the time and effort the volunteers of the Silver Spring TMD Advisory Committee dedicate to improving transportation choices. You do a remarkable job and provide a great service to the County.

Coordinator for Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Areas (BiPPA) Matt Johnson met with and briefed the TMD Advisory Committee at the July 9 meeting on additional planned improvements for the area that will continue to provide for traffic circulation while prioritizing pedestrian and bicycle safety. I hope he was able to address some of the issues the Committee has raised.

Thank you again for bringing these matters to my attention. I view our response outlined in this letter as part of an ongoing conversation with the Committee and the community that is critical to the success of planned and future transportation changes in Silver Spring. I want to assure you that we will continue to monitor the transportation issues you raised as downtown Silver Spring builds on and improves its transportation network.

Sincerely,



Al R. Roshdieh  
Director

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## MCDOT Schedules Semi-Annual Fall Cleaning of County Parking Garages

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**For Immediate Release: Friday, September 6, 2019**



MCDOT's Division of Parking Management is scheduled to begin its semi-annual interior washdown of all 21 County-owned parking garages in Silver Spring, Bethesda and Wheaton.

The washings will occur on nights and weekends in the fall. The cleanings are scheduled to begin in Silver Spring garages on September 15 and end in Wheaton garages on November 3.

See the [full schedule](#).

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## Temporary Traffic Changes on Rockville Pike Starting September 9

For Immediate Release: Friday, September 6, 2019



From 9:00 a.m. Monday, September 9, through 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 13, right southbound and northbound lanes at Jones Bridge and Rockville Pike will be closed for communication relocation and utility pole removal.

From 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. on these dates, two right southbound lanes on Rockville Pike at Center Drive will be closed for storm drain inlet installation.

Construction activity inside the Medical Center Metro Station has commenced and will continue thru fall 2020.

- View the handout flyer in English and Spanish.
- Two new Metro entrance elevators are being constructed on the Navy Side of Rockville Pike, along with a connecting passageway from the mezzanine level to the new elevators to serve passengers to and from the Walter Reed/Naval Support Activity Bethesda.

- All construction activities within the station will take place behind or within partitioned areas on the platform and mezzanine levels and will be performed during non-service hours. Work is not expected to impede access to or inside the Station.
- Project completion is anticipated in Fall 2020.

View map of the Rockville Pike/Jones Bridge Road/Woodmont Ave Intersection.

### **About the Crossing Project:**

This work is part of the ongoing construction of the Crossing Project at the Medical Center Metro Station, near the Medical Center Metro Station, NIH, and the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Naval Support Activity Bethesda. When it is completed by mid-2020, the Crossing Project will provide a safe and more efficient environment for people and vehicles to get through this heavily trafficked area.

The Crossing Project has two main components: 1) A shallow pedestrian underpass connecting Naval Support Activity Bethesda/Walter Reed National Military Medical Center on the east side of Rockville Pike to NIH and the bus/commuter transit center on the west side; and 2) Deep elevators on the Navy side of Rockville Pike to the Metrorail mezzanine.

In addition, the Crossing Project includes pedestrian safety and traffic and transit improvements to the nearby intersections of MD 355 (Rockville Pike) @ Jones Bridge Road and Center Drive (NIH), and at MD 355 @ Woodmont Avenue.

- View map of the Crossing Project construction area.
- View pictures of the construction and of signs for safe pedestrian/cycling detours.
- View video to see what's happening underground.
- For more information, visit [md355crossing.com](http://md355crossing.com)

### **A Safety Reminder:**

As construction of the Crossing Project at the Medical Center Metro Station moves forward, the Montgomery County Dept. of Transportation (MCDOT) urges people to exercise caution as they walk, bike or travel near the construction zone. Please pay attention to all signs that have been posted for your safety. Walk or bike only on designated crosswalks, sidewalks and paths.

In the meantime, MCDOT appreciates the patience of everyone who lives, works or travels through the area.

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# Ride On Recognized with GWRCCC's Fleet of the Year Award

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**For Immediate Release: Friday, August 30, 2019**



*Mike Nesselt and Calvin Jones of MCDOT's Transit Division accepted the award.*

MCDOT's Ride On bus service has been recognized as "Transit Fleet of the Year" by the Greater Washington Region Clean City Coalition (GWRCCC). The award was bestowed on Wednesday during the 2019 GWRCCC Annual Achievement Awards Luncheon, which highlights exemplary transportation initiatives in the DMV metropolitan area. The event was held at Clyde's of Gallery Place.

The award recognizes Ride On's commitment to clean transportation in its operation of 125 compressed natural gas (CNG) and 68 hybrid buses. Collectively, these 193 buses displaced almost 1.15 million gallons of gasoline in 2018 and reduced greenhouse gas emissions by more than 3,800 tons.



"I am proud of Ride On's success in reflecting the environmental sustainability goals of the Department and appreciate GWRCCC's acknowledgement of our achievements," said MCDOT Director Al Roshdih. "While we take pride in our CNG and hybrid buses, we're also excited about the upcoming addition of electric buses to the Ride On fleet."



The first four electric buses are expected to arrive this fall.

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## MCDOT Sponsors Free PARK(ing) Day Celebration; Individuals, Businesses and Organizations Invited to Celebrate

For Immediate Release: Friday, August 30, 2019



The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is encouraging artists, planners, businesses, organizations, groups and individuals to participate in International PARK(ing) Day on September 20 by temporarily transforming a metered parking space in Silver Spring or Bethesda into a fun, parklike spot. Participants are encouraged to creatively reimagine the urban landscape for a day. See photos online from previous years that include a park with plants, mini-golf course, campfire site and games and interactive activities for kids and adults. There is no charge to participate in the event; applications are due **no later than close of business on September 9.**



“PARK(ing) Day is a way to have fun, stimulate conversations about our transportation choices and support infrastructure that is more transit-oriented, bikeable and walkable,” said MCDOT Director Al Roshdieh. “This year, MCDOT is offering PARK(ing) Day applicants the opportunity to promote their services in good taste and provide free samples or giveaways at their ‘park.’ In addition, applicants can suggest a preferred parking space location if the spot they have in mind was not identified as an option.”

PARK(ing) Day spots were chosen with safety in mind, but MCDOT will evaluate other location suggestions. The use of parking spaces will be allowed from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., including set up and tear down.

Those interested in taking part in PARK(ing) Day can get more information and apply online or by mail. Participants are required to meet certain guidelines that are spelled out in the application. Guidelines for businesses have been relaxed to allow more promotional activities.

Looking for inspiration? See what others have done on past PARK(ing) Days.



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## MCDOT to Hold Public Hearing for Proposed Lyttonsville Sidewalk Construction on October 2

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**For Immediate Release: Thursday, August 29, 2019**

Pursuant to Section 49-53 of the Montgomery County Code (2004) as amended, a public hearing shall be held on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019**, in the *all-purpose room or cafeteria* of the **ROSEMARY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** located at **2111 Porter Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910**. The sole purpose of a public hearing is to allow citizens an opportunity to present oral and/or written comments concerning construction of a sidewalk that provides disabled citizens, pedestrians and bicyclists safer travel to schools and nearby public attractions or facilities. The information presented helps determine whether or not to recommend constructing a portion of or the entire proposed project. The following hearing will begin at **7:00 p.m.** and run consecutively until all information is presented and the hearing has concluded.

**LYTTONSVILLE COMMUNITY / Silver Spring, Maryland**

*\*Northwest Side of Michigan Avenue from Maine Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue*

*\*North Side of Pennsylvania Avenue from Existing Sidewalk to Michigan Avenue*

*\*South Side of Pennsylvania Avenue from Kansas Avenue to Lanier Drive*

*\*Northwest Side of Kansas Avenue from Albert Stewart Lane to Pennsylvania Avenue*

Project files are available for examination in the offices of the Department of Transportation, Division of Transportation Engineering (DTE), 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 100 Edison Park Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland. You may call 240-777-7270 to schedule an appointment to review the files, obtain details and/or information related to a public hearing, or to reserve time to testify at an upcoming hearing. Written comments for consideration may be submitted to: [DTE.Sidewalk@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:DTE.Sidewalk@montgomerycountymd.gov) or Annual Sidewalk Program, Department of Transportation, 100 Edison Park Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878.

Interpreter services will be provided upon request. Please allow (5) business days advance notice when requesting interpreter services. If special services or aids are needed, please call 240-777-7271. The ROSEMARY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is handicap accessible.

Please note, the hearing will be broadcast over the internet. You may join the webcast at <https://montgomerycounty.adobeconnect.com/lyttonsvillesidewalks/>. Audio and video of the hearing will be recorded and may be posted online at the conclusion of the hearing.

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# Volunteers Sought for Montgomery County's Two Newest Climate Planning Process Workgroups Focused on Community Engagement/Education and Climate Adaptation/Sequestration

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**For Immediate Release: Tuesday, August 13, 2019**

Montgomery County has launched a planning process to develop prioritized actions and strategies to meet its greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals of 80 percent by 2027 and 100 percent by 2035. The County has already formed three "technical workgroups" of experienced volunteers that will help in this effort. Now the County is seeking volunteers for two additional workgroups.

Montgomery was the first county in the nation to declare a "climate emergency." Earlier this summer, three technical workgroups—on buildings, clean energy and transportation—were formed to help identify the needed strategies. To augment its climate planning effort, the County is now seeking volunteers to serve on workgroups focused on community engagement/education and climate adaptation/sequestration.

Interested individuals should have demonstrable expertise related to the workgroup topics, including identifying economic and equity challenges and opportunities that might arise in meeting these goals. Applicants not selected for the original three workgroups will automatically be considered for the new workgroups. The deadline to submit letters of interest is Sept. 15.

The workgroups will:

- Review past County climate reports and plans and best practices from other jurisdictions.
- Recommend actions and innovative strategies for community engagement/education and for climate adaptation/sequestration.
- Identify metrics that can be tracked, as well as data and knowledge gaps that could benefit from, additional technical analysis.

Each workgroup will consist of community members as well as County Government staff. Each workgroup will be co-facilitated by a County Government staff member and by a member of the community.

Workgroups will convene approximately once a month from Fall 2019 to early 2020. Meetings will be held on

a weekday or weeknight, in Rockville or Silver Spring. Workgroup members are expected to attend each meeting in person.

Following the workgroup convening process, the public will be invited to review the workgroup findings and provide input. A description of each workgroup:

- **Climate Adaptation and Sequestration Workgroup:** Climate change has created new weather patterns. In Montgomery County, this is most evident in the frequency of rainfall events that, coupled with historical development patterns, create flooding and drainage issues. This workgroup will develop recommendations for reducing the County's climate change vulnerability and strengthening the County's ability to prepare for and withstand threats (known as hazard mitigation). Other topics for exploration include the effect of periods of high heat on vulnerable populations, the reliability of the electric grid and the reliability of public infrastructure. The workgroup also will develop recommendations for carbon sequestration, which is the process of removing carbon from the atmosphere and storing it (such as in soil through tree planting or regenerative agriculture). Specific skills/background sought for volunteers: public health, agriculture, green infrastructure, emergency management, climatology, utility/energy management, social services and/or finance/economics.
- **Public Engagement/Education Workgroup:** Engaging the public regarding climate change and the County's aggressive climate goals is vital to the success of all other County efforts. If the public does not understand the issues the County is trying to address, and the policies and programs that may be put in place, the County's GHG reduction efforts will not reach their full potential. This workgroup will identify opportunities to communicate with and educate residents about the urgency of taking climate action; advise on effective communications strategies for engagement with diverse audiences; identify partners and linkages to other issues that people care about (such as public health); identify and promote resources that people can use to reduce GHG emissions and adapt to a changing climate at the household level; and identify mechanisms to conduct on-going "climate conversations" with residents. Specific skills/background sought for volunteers: marketing and communications. Education, youth perspectives, public health and/or community leaders.

Qualified community members interested in volunteering with one or more workgroups can submit an expression of interest, cover letter and resume by Sept. 15 to [climate@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:climate@montgomerycountymd.gov). Anyone interested in serving on multiple workgroups should indicate their first and second choices.

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