

**Silver Spring
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
November 10, 2016**

Item 1, 2 - Introductions/Minutes/Chair Comments: Members and guests introduced themselves, meeting minutes were tabled.

Jim Bunch announced that **Valerie Spencer** is a new representative on the Purple Line Committee with **Michael Meszaros** as an alternate. There are discussions to have **Tim Cupples**, the new Purple Line Coordinator come speak to the Committee.

Item 3 - Bicycle Master Plan: **Mr. Meszaros** reported that since he couldn't find a representative to present the propose bike plan for downtown Silver Spring, he would discuss some of the changes in the area between Cedar and Spring Streets. He explained that bike lane construction was delayed along Spring Street at Colesville, probably due to United Therapeutics construction and Pepco repairs.

Mr. Meszaros discussed the proposed type of bike lanes, saying the safest type was the 2-way separated bike lane using flex posts because it creates a more visible safe barrier as oppose to a striped bike lane next to traffic.

Katie Mencurini stated that the M-NCPPC website shows a color coordination of bike lanes on the Bikeway Master Plan: red indicates shared roadway, green designates a bike trail or shared use path, and blue indicates bike lanes.

The Committee discussed changes to sections of the proposed Bicycle Master Plan:

- Along Spring Street at 2nd Avenue-has space for a bike lane
- Spring at Fairview - installing a bike lane by possibly narrowing the meridian, traffic lane and/or sidewalk
- Floating bike lanes - bike lane markings placed between green dotted traffic turning lane to show where cars turn and where bikes can keep straight
- Cedar & Wayne - debate regarding parking availability if some parking spaces are removed to accommodate a bike lane; may be too late to affect bike lane construction. **Mr. Meszaros** commented that there was no community outreach regarding bike lane construction. **Ms. Brecher** will follow up with **Pat Shepard**.

Also discussed:

- Writing a letter requesting assistance regarding what changes can be made to the Bicycle Master Plan- Having **David Anspacher** and **Pat Shepard** come, discuss and provide assistance in this regard
- The potential hazards caused by decreasing parking availability, especially for disabled citizens
- A clarification that the current bike construction being discussed is in the Sector Plan and separate from the prior presentation of the Bike Master Plan given by **Mr. Anspacher**
- Constructing biking infrastructure at a pace with gradually changing motorist behavior and educating the public via social media and information flyers on cars and office buildings

- **Ms. Mencurini** commented on the difficulty of deciphering the construction timelines for sections of the Bike Master Plan due to Capital Improvements Program (CIP) projects occurring simultaneously

Item 4 - TMD Operations Report Draft: **Mr. Carlson** discussed the Silver Spring Biennial Report draft, stating that changes can be made on the electronic version; hard copies will be available for pickup at the Silver Spring TRiPS Commuter Store. **Ms. Brecher** explained that the “Non-Auto Driver” is a person who takes transit, walks, bike or is a passenger in a car or vanpool and that Uber and Lyft classification is the same as taxi.

Item 5 Updates -

- Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) study of Transportation Management Districts recommends that Commuter Services create an online dashboard of its metrics in addition to publishing the biennial report.
- There is Transportation Demand Management (TDM) work group to streamline TDM measures with future development

Melisa DiMercurio announced:

- MARC Train outreach during Surge 10 at the Silver Spring Metro showed an increase in ridership
- New Capital Bikeshare station installed at Sligo and Carrol Avenue

Item 6 - Around the Room: **Michael Price** asked that someone from the new urban park which is planned in the Jug Handle come and speak to the Committee regarding construction timelines and impact.

Adjourn: Next meeting date – December 8, 2017

**Silver Spring Transportation Management District Advisory Committee Attendance Sheet
November 10, 2016**

Voting Members (12)			
Name	Affiliation	Present	Absent
Chamber Members (3)			
Chris Kabatt	Wells + Associates		X
Michael Meszaros	Digital Industry, Inc.	X	
Juanita Stewart	The Peterson Companies	X	
Citizens Advisory Board Members (3)			
Jim Bunch / Vice Chair	Kemp Mill, Four Corners, East SS	X	
Phil Olivetti	North & West Sector Plan Area		X
Randall McLeod	CBD Resident	X	
Employers less than 50 employees (3)			
Valerie Spencer	MayaTech	X	
Vacant			
Wendy Melis	SWANA		X
Employers with 50 or more employees (3)			
G. Michael Price	Discovery Communications	X	
Adenia Bradley	Southern Management		X
Vacant			
Non-Voting Members (3)			
Sandra Brecher, DOT-Commuter Services	MCDOT Director or Designee	X	
Katie Mencarini	M-NCPPC	X	
Reemberto Rodriguez	Silver Spring Regional Center	X	
Vacant	Montgomery County Police		
Staff			
Nakengi Byrd	MCDOT-Commuter Services	X	
Jim Carlson	MCDOT-Commuter Services	X	
Guests			
Melissa DiMercurio	Van Eperen & Co.	X	
Jay Elvove	MC Resident / SSCAB	X	
Kate Meyer Olson	MC Resident		