

**Silver Spring  
Transportation Management District  
Advisory Committee  
June 8, 2017**

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**Item 1 & 2 – Introductions/Chair Comments/Minutes:** Chair **Jim Bunch** called meeting to order members and guests introduced themselves.

**VOTE:** The Committee approved May meeting minutes.

**Item 3 – Bicycle Master Plan:** **David** Anspacher, M-NCPPC, presented an update of the Bicycle Master Plan, stating that his first visit the plan was in the exploratory stages; however, now there is a more developed framework, although a long way to go. He discussed the purpose, timeline, classifications and the proposed network.

- The purpose of the Master Plan is ease of bike travel for short distances – 1 to 3 miles – and to remedy the impediments to cycling.
- The amount of stress cyclists encounter determines the treatment of roads – Georgia Avenue is an example of a high stress road.
- The Master Plan seeks to help to develop capital budgets for transportation improvements and smart growth development.
- There is an interactive map that allows the community to voice concerns and identify trouble spots.
- The Master Plan vision is to increase biking overall, have connectivity evenly distributed, improve safety and security for bikes when left at facilities.
- The Plan uses four bikeway classifications based on cyclist separation from road traffic.
- Per Montgomery County law. bikes can ride in the road only if a bike lane is not available – bike lanes are a minimum of 5ft.

**Mr. Anspacher** described the different road treatments and facilities to be implemented for the Bike Master Plan:

- Using the light traffic on residential streets as an alternative route parallel to main high traffic roads.
- Shared lanes are installed when there is no space for barriers – bikes share streets with vehicles; green markings alert drivers to cycle lanes.
- The importance of bike education for drivers and cyclists.
- Bikes are viewed under the code as vehicles, and riders must obey the same rules.
- Safe bike routes to school, and the issues with widening sidewalks for young riders.

**Mr. Anspacher** continued discussing some of the biking improvements to be made in 38 identified areas based on bikeway recommendations, such as the connection of Glenmont to Silver Spring via Wheaton – treatments and better signage along the Matthew Henson trail where there have been two fatalities. Elevating the path at Veirs Mill Road will be the final treatment.

Also discussed:

- Long Branch – future Purple Line connections, separated bike lanes and using neighborhood greenways.

- Silver Spring Central Business District – Metropolitan Branch and Capital Crescent trail improvements, Spring Street bikeways under construction, bike parking at Silver Spring Library.
- Businesses on Fenton Street concerned about losing parking due to bikeway construction and the need to work with community representatives such as Councilmember **Tom Hucker**.
- East side of Silver Spring/Takoma Park area – network of bikeways, bridge over Route 29 @ Blair High School.
- West side of Silver Spring/Takoma Park – greenways, Purple Line connections, bridge on Georgia Avenue.
- Wheaton Central Business District – separated bike lanes network, bike parking at Wheaton Station.
- Full build-out of the Master Plan will have 1,000 miles of bikeways, including side paths, greenways and bikeable shoulders – built over 20 years based on priority and budgets.
- Community outreach for the Master Plan includes advisory & stakeholder group meetings, e-newsletter and community bike rides.
- Revision of bike plan based on recommendations, with a working draft due in the Fall.
- Bike riding on sidewalks in the County is legal except where local jurisdictions state otherwise.
- **Sande Brecher** announced that Montgomery County Department of Transportation was awarded a Transportation/Land Use Connections Program (TLC) grant for \$60,000 for a bicycle education program.

**Item 4 – New Employer Traffic Mitigation Plans:** The Committee reviewed traffic mitigation plan annual reports for seven employers:

- The Blairs
- CCI Health & Wellness
- COMPASS
- Denizen’s Brewing Co.
- Double Tree by Hilton
- Eggspectation
- McGinty’s

**Vote:** The Committee voted to recommend approval of the reports.

**Item 5 – Updates: Sgt. Moore** reported:

- During the month of May, seatbelts, distracted driving & walking enforcement conducted on Georgia Avenue and Colesville road – constant right turns on red arrow.
- State Highway Administration (SHA) funded a grant to conduct pedestrian enforcement and nighttime seatbelt enforcement.
- June – enforcement on Flower & Piney Branch, Colesville & University, University & Piney Branch Road.
- Stats: 15,490 citations and equipment warnings so far this year.
- Discussion regarding stopping cyclist/pedestrians for infractions vs. stopping drivers – up to officer discretion.

- Discussion of bike licenses and the benefits of registrations for bikes.

Other announcements:

- Bike to Work Day was a success with over 400 participants, 25+ vendors and food and gift certificates – event posted on website.
- Commuter Information Day (CID) at Ellsworth.
- Capital Improvement Forum June 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm, Veterans Plaza
- Blues Festival June 17<sup>th</sup>
- The last SafeTrack #16 June 17-25<sup>th</sup>- Shady Grove & Rockville stations closed

**Adjourn: Next meeting July 13, 2017**

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