

**Silver Spring
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
September 13, 2018**

Item 1 & 2 – Introductions/Minutes: Members and guest introduced themselves. Minutes tabled.

Item 3 – United Therapeutics Redevelopment Update: **Avi Halpert**, United Therapeutics VP for Corporate Real Estate, updated the Committee on United Therapeutics redevelopment, reporting that the new 1,100 sf. building which was formally Garage 21 site is almost complete and will soon move in 100 employees. The building is called Unisphere Net Zero and began seven years ago from an idea for a spherical shaped site with net zero energy usage. Also discussed:

- Parking for 151 employees, consisting of a garage, surface and on-street parking.
- UT is waiting until 2019 to fill retail space – retailers will have a net zero mission and energy budget; lights flash when energy capacity is almost reached.
- Offices are equipped with a dry computer modeling lab, then samples are taken to “wet lab” for more efficient processing.
- An underground geothermal well system and thermal pool is the first of its kind in Maryland. Pool is a heat transfer – closed loop system.
- Atrium on roof zeros out utility bill.
- Solar panels provide power.
- Three floors for manufacturing of drug Unitoxin which extends the life of children with neuroblastoma.
- The building was made round to blend in with the existing architecture.
- UT purchased a neighboring building on 8808 Cameron Street, but has no current plans for redevelopment.
- The new building has desk space for 100 employees, and there are 245 UT employees in Silver Spring – remote working is an option for emergencies.

Mr. Halpert discussed the drugs that are manufactured at UT:

- UT has a 2-year surplus at various places around the world for security reasons that can be air dropped – 14,000 people use the drugs they manufacture.
- UT entered into a worldwide licensing and collaboration agreement for the development and commercialization of treprostinil, an investigational product currently being evaluated in clinical trials for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension.
- 3D printing of drugs, implantable lungs, genetically modified pig lungs and kidneys are all in development.

Also discussed:

- There is no Net Zero certification, unlike LEED certification; however, Net Zero goes beyond LEED Platinum requirements – USGBC certification can cost more than \$50,000 in paperwork processing for a small building.
- Twenty-four percent of employees currently take alternative modes to work – the building is bike friendly.

Item 4 – Traffic Mitigation Plan Annual Reports: **Jim Carlson** explained the eight required employer strategies for the TMPs and TMP annual reports. One of the required elements, the commuter survey, is

no longer sent annually, as the County has opted for a bi-yearly cycle. An online Link for the survey is sent to employers who distribute to employees:

- The Committee recommended Regal Majestic Cinemas and Giant Food TMP annual reports for approval.

Item 5 – Employer Outreach Update: Jennifer Bolick of Van Eperen announced:

- Working with employers to submit their Traffic Mitigation Plans and annual reports.
- Car Free Day September 21 and 22
- Walk & Ride Challenge, October 8 – October 26
- Capital Bikeshare discount program for employees
- Park(ing) Day Friday, September 21

Item 6 – Updates: Sgt. Kerry Moore reported:

- Pedestrian detail on Georgia Avenue
- High Visibility enforcement focusing on aggressive driving and seatbelts (for August)
- In September, pedestrian detail along Georgia Avenue
- High Visibility program focusing on aggressive and distracted driving on University Blvd
- The Silver Spring Jazz Festival was a success
- Thanksgiving Day Parade – November 17
- Burtonsville Day Parade – September 22

Reemberto Rodriguez discussed downtown Silver Spring. He noted that the area is under constant construction with utility work and current has seven projects underway. Therefore, there is the need to rethink walkability, as transit will be accessible for most pedestrians within a 23-minute walk. Also announced:

- Latin American Film Festival – having employees to attend after work events will help to ease traffic.
- Dale Avenue Block Party – connecting the 88 businesses in the Montgomery Hills area

Jay Elvove reported **Harriet Quinn** and **Chris Perry** are two new members nominated for the TMD from the Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board.

Michael Price discussed Discovery's closing at the end of March 2019 and the relocation of 1,300 employees:

- There will be a 300-person networking team remaining in downtown Silver Spring at 8403 Colesville Road.
- The IT Department is relocating to Sterling, Va.
- Discovery's new world headquarters will be in New York.
- Discovery purchased Scripps Network and merged the two entities – operating in the new location in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Adjourn/Next meeting: November 8, 2018

Silver Spring Transportation Management District Advisory Committee Attendance Sheet

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Voting Members (12)			
Name	Affiliation	Present	Absent
Chamber Members (3)			
Chris Kabatt	Wells + Associates	X	
Michael Meszaros / Co-Chair	Digital Industry, Inc.	X	
Vacant			
Citizens Advisory Board Members (3)			
Vacant	Kemp Mill, Four Corners, East SS		
Vacant	North & West Sector Plan Area		
Vacant	CBD Resident		
Employers less than 50 employees (3)			
Valerie Spencer	MayaTech	X	
Vacant			
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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	
Sgt. Kerry Moore	Montgomery County Police	X	
Staff			
Nakengi Byrd	MCDOT-Commuter Services	X	
Jim Carlson	MCDOT-Commuter Services	X	
Guests			
Jennifer Bolick	Van Eperen	X	
Zach Deshaies	Van Eperen	X	
Jay Elvove	SS Citizens Advisory Board	X	
Avi Halpert	United Therapeutics	X	
I.J. Hudson	Arts on the Block	X	
Christine McGrew	M-NCPPC	X	
Khadijah Morrow	Southern Management Corp.	X	
Harriet Quinn	4-Corners Resident	X	
Mel Tull	Lee Development	X	