

**Silver Spring
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
January 10, 2019**

Item 1&2 – Introductions/Chair Comments/Minutes: Members and guests introduced themselves.

Co-Chair **Michael Meszaros** announced that this was his last meeting as he is not able to give adequate time to the Committee.

Item 3 – Approved Bicycle Master Plan: **David Anspacher**, M-NCPPC, briefed the Committee on the approved Bicycle Master Plan. He explained the vision of the plan, what it will take to achieve the vision, implementation and a two-year monitoring of the plan, after which the results would be reported back to the community. The Plan vision is to make Montgomery County a “world class” cycling community where everyone can ride safely, by creating a cycling network that is comfortable and connected. Summary below:

- Overall objective is a cycling network that is comfortable, connected and convenient by constructing bikeways, parking and bike supported programs and policies.
- Bikeways are constructed based on the stress riders face on roadways and from traffic.
- Separated bikeways are for high traffic areas where bikers may need to be separated from traffic.
- Bike paths can be placed along roads where there is less pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
- Striped bikeways are bikeways with paint separation markings.
- Buffered bike lanes allow for markers/posts separating bike lanes, and traffic flow lanes are two-way bike lanes on a one-way road.
- Bikeable shoulders on rural roads and shared roads allow bikes in roads-traffic calming measures implemented.
- Of the over 1,000 miles of biking recommendations only 25 percent exist today, leaving 75 percent to be constructed.
- Long-term bike parking at transit stations planned for the Silver Spring Transit Center (600 spaces overtime) and Silver Spring Library (40 spaces).
- Information on website <https://mcatlas.org/bikeplan> shows how recommendations are prioritized.
- Implementing the Plan vision via funding programs such as the Bicycle Pedestrian Priority Area (BIPPAs).
- Improving overall design standards for bike lanes.
- Recommendations are prioritized based on what can feasibly be funded by the County, and the remaining recommendations are labeled Tier 1 (the highest) thru Tier 4 (the lowest); any remaining recommendations are implemented if an unforeseeable opportunity arises.

Some on the Committee took issue with certain aspects of the plan:

- Implementing the bikeways first without educating the community can create an unsafe environment.
- The Plan recommends that some streets become one-way, disrupting business.
- Biking infrastructure such as turning lanes make navigation difficult for larger vehicles.
- Eliminating parking on Fenton Street will disrupt small business – need a parking study done before the Plan is implemented, with opportunity for public comment.

Mr. Anspacher explained that M-NCPPC identifies connections for implementation to MCDOT, which then studies the various engineering construction options.

Some from the Committee also commented:

- The need to recognize the aging community, children, ADA requiring access to parking.
- Lack of parking hurts hotels, other venues.

The Committee agreed to draft a letter to the County outlining its concerns regarding parking.

Mr. Anspacher remarked that the County will become safer for the community if biking infrastructure was in place to slow down traffic speed.

Also discussed:

- Bicycling educational efforts such as “Look Out For Each Other”.
- Access to parking, such as keeping on-street parking available and not just garage parking.
- Signage and educational markings to reduce driver confusion.
- **Jim Carlson** will take comments from the Committee for a letter addressing their concerns.

Item 4 - New Employer Traffic Mitigation Plans & TMP Annual Reports: **Mr. Carlson** reported that employers listed on the Summary sheet meet the eight requirements of the TMP, with most going beyond and providing voluntary measures.

The Committee recommended approval of the Traffic Mitigation Plans

Item 5 - Employer Outreach Update: **Jennifer Bolick, Van Eperen**, reported:

- Working with employers to implement Traffic Mitigation Plans by conducting table events, maintaining point of contact references.
- Council of Governments Employer Recognition Awards nomination deadline approaching.
- Bike to Work Day May 17, 2019.

Item 6 – Updates: **Sgt. Moore** reported:

- High visibility enforcement conducted on University Blvd and Route 29 – focused on aggressive and distracted driving.
- Pedestrian enforcement on Georgia Ave, Wayne Avenue – complaint regarding crosswalk on Wayne Avenue.
- Pedestrian enforcement on Colesville crosswalks.

Statistics for the year were:

- Four fatalities in the Silver Spring area – none in the CBD.
- 19,169 drivers stopped, 13,722 citations given, 20,290 warnings issued.
- No plans at present to increase bike patrol members for Bike Plan implementation.

Reemberto Rodriguez said that the Fenton Street business community consensus is to keep on-street parking. He also reported on the growing concern of increased level of late criminality in the area and suggested that the advisory groups frame funding requests from a foundational standpoint of safety and security.

Adjourn Next Meeting- March 14, 2019

Silver Spring Transportation Management District Advisory Committee Attendance Sheet

January 10, 2019

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)			
Harriet Quinn	Kemp Mill, Four Corners, East SS		X
Vacant	North & West Sector Plan Area		
Chris Perry	CBD Resident		X
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			
David Anspacher	M-NCPPC	X	
Jennifer Bolick	Van Eperen	X	
Zach Deshaies	Van Eperen	X	
Jay Elvove	SS Citizens Advisory Board	X	
Amy Federman	Silver Spring Resident	X	
Christine McGrew	M-NCPPC	X	
Julie Statland	GSSCC	X	
Mel Tull	Lee Development	X	