

SSUDAC Meeting Summary September 17th, 2020

Members Present: Diana Brown, Jay Elvove, Michael Larson, Jane Redicker, Mel Tull

Members Absent: Mussie Betre, Carmen Camacho, David Fogel, Thomas Kaufmann, Aaron Kayce, Juanita Stewart

Call to Order and Introductions:

- The meeting was called to order at 3:39 p.m.

Police Briefing & Crime Report

Montgomery County Police, Third District

- Unattended vehicle thefts have risen, primarily due to delivery drivers leaving their vehicles unattended with keys inside.

Purple Line Update

Maricela Cordova, DOT

- Ms. Cordova gave an update on the current status of the Purple Line construction - design is 95% complete, with construction 30% complete.
- MTA and MDOT are working together to replace contractors and revise the construction schedule.
- Ms. Cordova updated the committee on the status of the Talbot Ave. bridge, which is scheduled to open in November. The demolition plan for the Spring St. bridge is being reviewed by WMATA.
- The Silver Spring Transit Center is preparing for a new mezzanine and continuing bridge construction.
- Bonifant St. & Wayne Ave. are preparing for track installation and undergoing utility relocations.
- Finally, Ms. Cordova touched on the 495-270 toll lanes, a public-private partnership project estimated to cost 11 billion. The project is currently being studied and public comments on the environmental impact statement are due by November 9th.

Scooter & Bike Corral Letter

Committee

- The committee discussed a letter written to the County Executive regarding recently installed scooter and bike corrals in the downtown area.

- Committee members expressed concerns that DOT communication and community engagement on new projects and installations has been consistently poor.

Silver Spring Urban District Report

Richard Bingham, Chief of Operations, Silver Spring Urban District

- Mr. Bingham encouraged all attendees to spread the word about completing the census.
- The committee discussed efforts towards a new branding campaign for the downtown Silver Spring area, and next steps towards transitioning the campaign to a County procurement contract.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.