

**J**ohn Eberhard, a Philadelphian by birth, has lived in Columbia for 27 years. He is a psychologist who received his PH.D. from Fordham University in New York. He recently retired from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) where he was a senior research psychologist for 32 years.

In retirement, he hopes to bring to the community the lessons he has learned that enable older people to be independent as late in life as possible.

He has been extremely active in transportation issues involving older people for most of his career. He chaired an international group for the Organization for Economic Cooperative Development dealing with aging, transportation/ mobility, and safety issues. Most recently, he completed a report for the USDOT on “Safe Mobility for a Maturing Society: Challenges and Opportunities.” This report stresses the need for a transportation system that offers safe mobility to all people and allows older persons to remain independent and to age in place.

He is still active nationally working with the American Society on Aging, the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials, and the Transportation Research Board where he edits their newsletter on “Safe Mobility for Older Persons.”

As chair of the Commission’s transportation committee he intends to identify and support transportation programs that enable Howard Countians to be independent and to age in place.



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