

Members

Present: Larry Schoen, Chair
Ted Cochran, Vice Chair
David Drasin
Phillip Dodge
Alice Giles
Marlene Hendler
Monica Simon

Staff: Bruce Gartner, Executive Secretary
Carrie Anderson-Watters, Office of Transportation
David Cookson, Office of Transportation
Allison Calkins, Office of Transportation
Chris Eatough, Office of Transportation
Molly Nur, Office of Transportation
Brooks Phelps, Office of Transportation

Members Excused: David Zinner

Members of the Public: Christine Wells
Jason Quan
Terri Hansen
Tina Heyler
Christine Kerner

1. Approval of Agenda for Meeting

The draft agenda for the meeting was presented for approval and adopted.

2. Review of Minutes from August 24 and September 28, 2021

September's meeting did not have a quorum, but the unofficial minutes were reviewed. No comments were offered but could still be offered via email.

The draft minutes for the August meeting were presented for approval. Ted Cochran motioned to approve the minutes and Phillip Dodge seconded the motion. Minutes passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

Public comment will be addressed in Agenda Item #4.

4. New Business/Ongoing Business

- i. Carls Court Bus Stop – Bruce Gartner
 - a. RTA service expansion Route 505 to Catonsville will include the Ellicott City Walmart which is an exiting stop within the system on Route 405
 - b. Stop was moved in May 2020 when Walmart was doing construction; nearby residents are unhappy with stop location
 - c. Met with residents on September 24th along with elected officials and then met with Walmart corporate real estate representatives as well

- d. Nothing is finalized, but we are going to now present temporary options as we explore longer term opportunities:
 - i. Permanent Option 1: North Ridge Road north of Carls County in current on-street parking. DPW has concerns about the required crosswalks. Buses would still use Carls Court as turnaround.
 - ii. Permanent Option 2: North Ridge Road south of Carls Court adjacent to Walmart frontage. Will need to put in a crosswalk as well as get Walmart to put in sidewalk and ADA ramp to front plus potentially needing to widen Ridge Road. Bus turnaround is complicated in this scenario.
 - iii. Temporary Option 1: Current Carls Court stop
 - iv. Temporary Option 2: Walmart offered to have buses come in to Hamlet Court ((taking both lanes), drive through parking aisle and line up at previous location of bus stop. There was not an agreement with Walmart to use that location as a stop before.
 - v. Temporary Option 3: Walmart would block off a section of the parking lot away from the store to create a stop location. RTA has not attempted this with a vehicle to know if it is feasible.
- e. Based on a site visit, we have asked Walmart to reconsider allowing the buses to pull up along the curb in front of the store and operate behind the store. This will be safest for pedestrians. Their risk managers are reviewing the request.
- f. OoT request to MTB: Concurrence on plan to move bus stop location back to Walmart parking lot at discretion of OoT and RTA for at least two years until additional information on other locations can be provided to MTB.
- g. Public comment from Tina Heyler: We don't want the stop on Carls Court because it's dangerous for riders to walk to Walmart from the stop.
- h. MTB preference is for option 3, then 1, then 2.

5. Development Updates- David Cookson and Brooks Phelps

Upcoming Public Meetings

Project	Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Notes
ZB 1118M Erickson at Limestone Valley	October 27	Zoning Board	Deliberations Online Meeting
Review of Plan No. 21-11, Scotts Property, Clarksville MD	October 27	Design Advisory Panel	Second review of Scotts Property on South Trotter Road and Swimmer Row Way.

6. Office of Transportation Updates

- i. Complete Streets Design Manual Schedule – Chris Eatough
 - a. Workshops have been held (recorded and posted <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/DM-updates>); public comment period open until October 28th
 - b. Draft includes significant changes to Volume 3: Roads and Bridges is now Complete Streets and the main changes came in chapters 1, 2 and 5, including new street types, Community Engagement Plan, guidance for bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and traffic studies will now be multimodal traffic studies.
 - c. There are also minor changes in chapters 3 and 4, including related to APFO
 - d. Finalizing comments and last round of changes to be wrapped up by November 9th when we present to the Public Works Board.
 - e. Hoping for a vote of approval at the December 14th Public Works Board meeting and then begin the legislative process with County Council (December pre-file) for consideration in January.
 - f. After adoption by County Council the subdivision regulations need to be updated within nine months as well as education and training for both designers and the general public.
 - g. Question from MTB: Where could there be a requirement that big box stores provide transit stops with ADA-compliant ramps?
 - h. Follow up questions can be sent to Chris Eatough
 - i. Potential for MTB to endorse in the November meeting or a special meeting on December 16th
- ii. RTA continues to face a shortage of drivers

7. Future Meeting Items

- i. Complete Streets Implementation Updates-Ongoing
- ii. Update MTA Service (Express Bus, MARC)
- iii. Capital Budget/ Project Updates

8. Adjournment

Ted Cochran moved to adjourn the meeting and there were no objections. The meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.

9. Next Meeting

The next MTB meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2021 at 7pm.

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Bruce Gartner

Date

Executive Secretary