

Members

Present: Larry Schoen, Chair
Ted Cochran, Vice Chair
Phillip Dodge
Shahriar Etemadi
Alice Giles
Marlene Hendler

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

Members Excused: David Drasin
Monica Simon
David Zinner

Members of the Public: Terri Hansen

1. Approval of Agenda for Meeting

The draft agenda for the meeting was presented for approval. Development Update was inserted between items four and five. Agenda was approved.

2. Review of Minutes from December 16, 2021

The draft minutes for the December meeting were presented for approval. Shahriar Etemadi motioned to approve the minutes and Phillip Dodge seconded the motion. Minutes passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

There was no request for comment from members of the public.

4. New Business/Ongoing Business

- i. Priority Letter – Bruce Gartner and David Cookson
 - a. Letter will go early this year with public meeting scheduled for this Thursday, January 27th
 - i. Federal Infrastructure act has passed; State looking at supplemental budget expected but timeline unknown
 - ii. Letter informs MDOT’s Consolidated Transportation Program
 - b. Many projects get scored under Chapter 30: major projects over \$30M and are capacity projects for transit or roadways
 - c. Approach shifted this year to align closer with Federal infrastructure act
 - i. Transportation System Safety

- ii. State of Good Repair and Public Transportation
- iii. Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO)
- iv. Specific Corridors
 - 1. US 1
 - a. Safety Projects (pedestrian and traffic safety)
 - b. Public Transit (regional transit corridors, micro-mobility options, Camden line issues)
 - c. TSMO (MDOT SHA TSMO System)
 - 2. US 29
 - a. US 29 Road (River's Edge)
 - b. US 29 Transit (BRT)
 - c. Downtown Columbia (North-South connector, a/k/a the Jug Handle)
- v. Comment period ends February 2nd
- vi. More information: howardcountymd.gov/transportation/priority-letter

- ii. Bike Project Updates -- Chris Eatough
 - a. Five projects completed in 2021:
 - i. Stephens Road Bridge Replacement
 - ii. Savage-area Complete Streets
 - iii. Crosswalk across Hale Haven Drive and Elberta Drive
 - iv. Crossing of Montgomery Road at Bellanca Road
 - v. Ilchester Road (Ilchester Point Court to Wharff Lane)
 - b. Progress continues to be made on rest of list (see Meeting Materials)
 - c. Capital budget program will be posted in February; also waiting to see what state and federal grants will be available
- iii. Bikeshare and E-scooter Update – Bruce Gartner and Chris Eatough
 - a. Spin scooters
 - i. Working to launch in mid-March with potential events in Downtown Columbia
 - ii. Will need to submit report to Council after six months of use
 - b. Bikeshare
 - i. Six year pilot will be ending early by June 30th but potentially earlier due to 3G technology being discontinued
 - ii. Will reassess need after initial scooter period
 - iii. Summary of pilot operations will be produced in February or March

5. Development Update – Brooks Phelps

- i. New development
 - a. Submissions are slowly increasing
 - b. Beechwood Manor – 31-unit infill development near River Hill Road; asked to explore sidewalk crossings and connections to the park to the south
- ii. Older development
 - a. Maple Lawn School: developer will only do as required, nothing extra

6. Complete Streets Implementation Update

- i. Met with council members to respond to questions. Basic line of questioning was related to reducing background growth rate from 3 to 2
- ii. February 3rd is when amendments will be introduced
- iii. Final passage of bill projected to be February 7th

- iv. Training is next step in process
- v. Will have nine months to go back to Council, most likely in January 2023
- vi. Active Transportation Open House is February 12-18: howardcountymd.gov/ATOH2022

7. General Office of Transportation Updates – Bruce Gartner

- i. RTA Driver Job Fair was today. Report coming shortly. Currently have a class of four out of the 30 to be staffed appropriately for service. Service reductions being February 6th

8. Future Meeting Items

- i. Complete Streets Implementation Updates-Ongoing
- ii. Update from DPZ on DTC
- iii. FY 2023 budget outlook for Transportation projects
- iv. Update MTA Service (Express Bus, MARC)
- v. Coordination with State agencies

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with no objections at 8:36 p.m.

10. Next Meeting

The next MTB meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2022 at 7pm. Bruce Gartner will not be in attendance.

Bruce Gartner
Executive Secretary

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Date