



MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD MINUTES

March 26, 2019 at 7:00pm

Members Present: Astamay Curtis (acting Chair), David Drasin, Rick Wilson, Alice Giles, David Zinner, Brian Dillard

Staff: Chris Eatough, Office of Transportation, David Cookson, Office of Transportation, Jason Quan, Office of Transportation, Rashidi Jackson, Office of Transportation, Lauren Frank, Office of Transportation

Non-Members Present: Terri Hansen, Howard County Office of Aging, Andrew Johnson, RTA

Members Excused: Ron Hartman, Chair, Larry Schoen, Vice Chair

1. Approval of Agenda (minute :01)

Alice Giles moved to approve the agenda. Rich Wilson seconded the motion. David Zinner requested to add an agenda item for suggestions on future agenda items. The agenda was approved as amended.

2. February 26, 2019 Minutes (minute :01)

David Zinner moved to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2019 Multimodal Transportation Board (MTB) meeting. Rick Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Future Agenda Items Suggestions (added agenda item) (minute :02)

David Zinner suggested adding a discussion about road maintenance, specifically cul-de-sac and main road cleaning to a future agenda. Chris Eatough said Kris Jagarapu, Head of Bureau of Highways will attend the next meeting on April 23rd. Chris Eatough asked David Zinner to send him a list of specific items to be sent to Kris Jagarapu prior to the next meeting.

David Zinner suggested interim field trips between board meetings to visit locations of future proposals.

David Zinner said he would like information regarding traffic counts. David Cookson said the State does continuous traffic counts on various state roads, Department of Public Works will do traffic counts in response to citizen concerns, and the private sector will also perform traffic counts, usually related to development.

4. Public Comments (minute :09)

There were no public comments.

5. Announcements/Updates (minute :09)

i. Transit Development Plan Implementation (minute :09)

Chris Eatough announced the Regional Transit Agency (RTA) new route changes are approved and will begin May 5th. Howard County and the RTA are finalizing print material and scheduling public outreach events to inform riders of the changes. Information will also be in newspapers and on social media. Jason Quan said transitrta.com will have the information in about a week.

ii. Land Development Updates (minute :14)

Rashidi Jackson gave two land development updates. Simpson Oaks plan has been approved and includes a buffered bike lane along Grace Drive. Regarding Elkridge Crossing, the Office of Transportation is asking for revised plans due to sidewalk issues.

As requested by David Zinner, David Cookson described the development review process. The Subdivision Review Committee (SRC), an advisory group consisting of technical agencies in the county, meet and comments on development plans. The Office of Transportation concentrates on bicycle and pedestrian improvements as well as transit.

6. New Business (minute :33)

i. Priority Letter (minute :33)

David Cookson presented the final draft of the priority letter, which outlines the county's priorities for state transportation funding in the Maryland Department of Transportation's six-year Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). David Cookson went on to describe the items within the letter including projects requesting funding and said the county executive is in the process of signing the priority letter.

ii. MTA Regional Transit Plan Survey (minute 1:13)

Chris announced an online public survey regarding the Regional Transit Development Plan which can be found at rtp.mta.maryland.gov. The purpose of the survey is to look for public input regarding transit in the region. Jason Quan said the process is in the beginning stages. There has been one commission meeting, one staff meeting, and tomorrow, March 27th will be the first public meeting.

iii. Capital and Operating Budgets (agenda order change) (minute 1:24)

Chris Eatough said the capital and operating budgets have not been finalized for the County. Office of Transportation's request has been submitted to include funding for the RTA and a request for \$50,000 toward bus stop improvements. David Zinner asked how the budget affects the bicycle and pedestrian plans. Chris Eatough said the capital improvement projects for bicycle and pedestrians are budget items for Department of Public Works or Department of Recreation & Parks. Chris said we would know more next meeting.

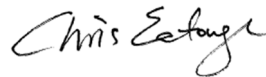
It was noted that the March 28, 2019 meeting listed on the agenda should be May 28, 2019.

iv. Discussion of potential student bus pass program (minute 1:28)

Alice Giles provided an overview of information presented in a handout to members regarding the possibility of free student bus passes. Some concerns included issues with validating and tracking passes, expansion to other counties, and the impact on revenue. David Zinner said it would be informative for the MTB to see an annual financial statement of the RTA to understand the financial impact of the bus passes. The MTB also requested the cost for single use daily passes and Alice Giles and Rick Wilson have agreed to come up with a proposal for a pilot bus pass program.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm. The next MTB meeting is scheduled April 23, 2019.



4/4/2019

Chris Eatough
Executive Secretary

Date



4/4/2019

Lauren Frank
Office of Transportation

Date