



**MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
MINUTES** *September 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.*

Members

Present: Ron Hartman, Chair
Larry Schoen, Vice Chair
David Zinner
David Drasin
Alice Giles

Staff: Bruce Gartner, Executive Secretary
David Cookson, Office of Transportation
Rashidi Jackson, Office of Transportation
Chris Eatough, Office of Transportation
Jason Quan, Office of Transportation

Members

Excused: Brian Dillard
Rick Wilson

**Members
of the**

Public: Terri Hansen, Office of Aging
Beth Kreider, MDOT MTA
Rob Harris, MDOT MTA
Ted Cochran

1. Approval of the August 27, 2019 Minutes (minute :00)

Ron Hartman moved to approve the minutes, after discussion, the minutes were then approved with the changes to the August Meeting minutes regarding David Zinner testifying in support of the complete streets policy.

2. Public/Board Comments (minute :02)

There wasn't public comment at this meeting, however Bruce Gartner used this moment to introduce Ted Cochran as a future member of the MTB.

3. Announcements/Updates (minute :04)

i. Complete Streets Resolution and Implementation (minute :11)

Bruce Gartner provided an update regarding the Complete Street Policy that was presented to the County Council. Advocates are pursuing the policy to be an ordinance rather than a resolution, and amendments may be added to require OOT to report any progress on complete streets. The MTB asked what council members were in support, and OOT responded that at least three out of the five were in support. Bruce Gartner stated that after the policy is passed, WRA/OOT will begin a scope for implementation.

ii. MDOT Grant Awards for Bus Stop Improvements & Dobbin Road Bike Access Design (minute:09)

Bruce Gartner made the announcement that MDOT has awarded Howard County \$498,000 (\$400,000 for bus stop improvements, & \$98,000 for Dobbin Road bike access) in grant money. The MTB had questions regarding the Dobbin Road Project, and Chris Eatough stated all information can be found on OOT's Project page <https://bikehoward.com/dobbin-road-pathway/>.

iii. Electric Scooters and Shared Mobility (minute:12)

Chris Eatough stated that Howard County is looking to implement a permitting process for Electric Scooters. Chris gave the MTB a brief overview of the policies to be addressed in a permit, and potential locations on areas where scooters would be permitted. The MTB had questions about parking enforcement, and whether the scooters would be allowed in neighborhoods.

4. New Business (minute:29)

i. MDOT-MTA Presentation on Commuter Bus Program (minute:29)

Beth Kreider from MDOT-MTA gave a presentation about the Maryland Commuter Bus Program. Beth's presentation included the following: overall service area, hours of operation, names of contractors, length of contracts, and ridership data by route. MTA staff and the MTB had a discussion about the Route 201 (Gaithersburg to BWI Area) on stopping in Howard County. The MTB elaborated that if the 201 Bus would stop close to if not at the Broken Land Park & Ride, Howard County residents would use the service. Beth of the MTA agreed to explore options and see what could be done with making this connection.

