



**MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
MINUTES**

February 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Members

Present: Ron Hartman, Chair
Larry Schoen, Vice Chair
Astamay Curtis
Brian Dillard
David Drasin
Alice Giles
Rick Wilson
David Zinner

Staff: Chris Eatough, Executive Secretary
David Cookson, Office of Transportation
Jason Quan, Office of Transportation
Lauren Frank, Office of Transportation
Albert Engel, Office of Transportation

Members of the Public: Jenna Crawley, Howard County Office of Aging and Independence

1. Approval of Agenda (minute :00)

The approval of agenda did not occur.

2. Approval of the January 22, 2019 Minutes (minute :01)

Alice Giles moved to approve minutes from the January 22, 2019 Multimodal Transportation Board (MTB) meeting. David Zinner mentioned he was not at the meeting. Alice Giles moved to approve minutes as amended. Rick Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment (minute :01)

A member of the public expressed frustration in locating road closure information, particularly the recent closure of Frederick Road due to a culvert replacement.

Introductions of members, staff, and the public took place.

4. **Announcements/Updates** (minute :05)

i. **Transit Development Plan Implementation** (minute :05)

Chris Eatough announced the Regional Transit Agency (RTA) route and schedule changes have been approved by the County Executive and the target rollout date is May 5, 2019.

ii. **Land Development Updates** (minute :08)

David Cookson presented four new plan updates including: Downtown Columbia Lakefront Neighborhood, Magnolia Manor, Guilford Assisted Living, and Elkridge Crossing.

Elkridge Crossing is in the preliminary second phase of the Elkridge Crossing Development.

Downtown Columbia Lakefront Neighborhood Plan is in a very preliminary stage. David Cookson said Howard Hughes has indicated there will be a shared-use pathway along Little Patuxent Parkway to Running Brook.

Regarding the Guilford Assisted Living Plan, Larry Schoen asked if the request for sidewalk extension north to Pine Tree Lane was going to be off the property? David said he believed so.

Larry Schoen inquired about the Milk Producers Plan. David said it was still under review. A shared-use pathway is proposed through the site to Gorman Crossing Elementary and sidewalks along Gorman Road into the Hammond School campus. Chris noted that the pathway will be opened to the public, not just residents.

Ron mentioned that the MTB previously received periodic updates on the Downtown Columbia Transportation Demand Management Plan and requested an update at a future meeting. Ron pointed out there are garages next to every high-rise building. David Cookson said that is a requirement in the plan.

5. **New Business** (minute :26)

i. **Priority Letter** (minute :26)

David Cookson announced the Office of Transportation (OoT) has finalized the revised draft of the Priority Letter, developed from input at a public meeting in February, email comments, and written comments.

MTB members expressed concerns about not being able to read or comment on the draft before sending to the administration. David Cookson explained the OoT is following the process with the administration. The draft letter will be sent to the administration first, and then to board members before the next meeting.

ii. **Discussion of potential student bus pass program** (minute :35)

Alice Giles said there is a six-week summer school program where transportation is needed by students. Alice presented an idea of a program which would provide students with free or subsidized bus passes. Rick Wilson proposes that all schools implement the bus pass

program. Ron Hartman suggested Alice and Rick put together a proposal to submit to the RTA and County Administration. Alice requested a list of biggest concerns from OoT and will send a draft out by next meeting.

iii. Capital and Operating Budgets (minute :52)

Members worked on edits of draft testimony the MTB will present at the budget hearing Tuesday, March 5. David Zinner moved to approve the testimony letter with proposed changes. David Drasin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment (minute: 1:37)

Before the adjournment, Chris announced that the OoT reached out to the Maryland Transit Agency (MTA) planning staff regarding route 201 adding a connection in Columbia. The MTA is looking at the route.

Ron adjourned the meeting at 8:39 pm. The next MTB meeting is scheduled on March 26, 2019 at 7pm.

Chris Eatough

2/28/2019

Chris Eatough
Executive Secretary

Date

Lauren Frank

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Lauren Frank
Office of Transportation

Date