



**MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
MINUTES**

***November 27, 2018 at 7:00pm***

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**Members Present:** Astamay Curtis  
David Drasin  
Alice Giles via phone  
Ron Hartman, Chair  
Larry Schoen, Vice Chair  
David Zinner  
Rick Wilson

**Staff:** Clive Graham, Office of Transportation  
David Cookson, Office of Transportation  
Rashidi Jackson, Office of Transportation  
Jason Quan, Executive Secretary  
Lauren Frank, Office of Transportation

**Members Excused:** Brian Dillard

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## **Worksession**

The Multimodal Transportation Board (MTB) meet to discuss Bus Rapid Transit ideas. The MTB created a list of ideas (see attached) that the Office of Transportation (OoT) will present to the MTA (Maryland Transit Agency) and the new Howard County Executive.

## **Regular Monthly Meeting**

**1. Agenda** (minute :01)

No objections to the agenda.

**2. October 23, 2018 Minutes** (minute :01)

Ron Hartman moved to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2018 Multimodal Transportation Board (MTB) meeting. David Cookson noted a grammatical error in the minutes; under item iv. the word “the” needs to be added. “Clive said that [the] Transit Development Plan”.

Ron Hartman moved to approve the minutes, Astamay Curtis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Public Comments** (minute :01)

There were no public comments.

**4. Announcements/Updates** (minute :01)

Clive made the following announcements:

**i. Land Development updates** (minute :01)

Clive informed the MTB members there were no significant updates. Plan changes/updates are marked in red (see attachment).

**ii. Public Hearing on Regional Transportation Agency routes December 13, RTA offices** (minute :06)

Clive is confident that Anne Arundel County will execute the memorandum and advised that the MTB will not have to hold the meeting.

**iii. Public meeting on MD 99 Corridor Investigation December 11, Mt Hebron HS** (minute :09)

During the MTB October 23 meeting, Clive presented a brief overview on the MD 99 Corridor project.

**5. New Business** (minute :10)

**i. Presentation, Jason Quan** (minute :10)

Jason Quan presented the proposed Regional Transportation Agency (RTA) route and service changes (see attachment). Three information sessions will be held to inform riders of the changes. Ron Hartman asked if the proposed changes were currently in the budget. Clive mentioned money is available to implement the changes in the fourth quarter of FY19. The RTA commission will hold a hearing to make a recommendation for the proposed changes and the final decision will go to the Howard County executive.

The proposed changes will affect ten routes, most of them serving Howard County. The plan stemmed from the Transit Development Plan (TDP) completed earlier this year and adopted by the county council. Within the plan were surveys regarding improvements focusing on better reliability and more frequent service.

**ii. Questions/comments from MTB** (1:04 minute)

Astamay Curtis asked if there would be enough vehicles at this point to support service? Glenn, Jason, & Andrew agreed that it would be the same number of vehicles with an increase in service and staffing hours.

Terry Hansen, Howard County Office of Aging, asked if Clive would have an opportunity to speak on the new changes to the transition committee. Clive is sure they will want to know OoT's priorities.

David Drasin requested item points of the plan. Andrew explained the plan would take 15-20-year-old routes, update with current traffic patterns of today with more frequent service, better routes, shorter headways, and more reliable service.

**iii. Questions/comments from the public, staff available to talk individually.**

No questions or comments from the public.

**6. Adjournment** (minute 1:11)

Before the adjournment, Rick Wilson provided an update on bus passes. Rick was disappointed that the bus passes have not been better received. 20% of the passes have been used to date. Students are not utilizing the bus passes because they are afraid to use public transportation, find the app difficult to use, & do not feel safe on public transportation. Rick was informed about travel trainers, a free service through Center for Mobility Equity (CME) where riders learn to ride the bus system.

Ron adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm. The next MTB meeting is scheduled on January 22, 2019.



12/13/2018

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Jason Quan  
Executive Secretary

Date



12/13/2018

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Lauren Frank  
Office of Transportation

Date