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TRANSIT AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY GROUP (TPAG) MINUTES

February 12, 2019 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Marlene Hendler
Marian Vessels
Jackie Eng
Philip Dulany
Paul Walsky
Jeff Specht

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

Non-Member Present:
Victor Jimenez, Regional Transportation Agency

1. **Introductions and transition announcements** (minute :01)

Chris Eatough announced he is now the Acting Administrator for the Office of Transportation and introduced Lauren Frank as new administrative staff. Chris also announced Calvin Ball as the new County Executive and Angela Cabellon as the Office of Transportation's Liaison to the new administration. Individual introductions followed.

2. **Approval of September 20, 2018 Minutes** (minute :04)

Jackie Eng moved to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2018 Transit and Pedestrian Advisory Group (MTB) meeting. Marian Vessels seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. **Public Comments** (minute: 05)

There were no public comments.

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

Chris announced there will be a representative from the County Council at future meetings.

- I. **Bus Stop improvements program update:** (minute :06) Jason announced the bus stop near the Target at Columbia Crossing was relocated next to Pier 1 Imports. Jason asked the TPAG for feedback on two additional pairs of stops in Columbia Crossing; moving the stops by Old Navy to the crosswalk, and eliminating the two across the target parking lot. The TPAG agreed on the idea.

Jason explained the idea of eliminating two stops across the Walmart parking lot in Dobbin Center and focusing on the two stops by Ross. If this happens, the bus will be doing a loop in the back of Ross instead of going through the parking lot. Jackie Eng asked if there was a crosswalk? Chris said they would ask the property managers to paint a crosswalk.

Jason continue to present additional bus stop locations and improvements that are in progress or near completion listed in the packet handed out to TPAG members. Jackie Eng inquired about the basis of prioritizing the stops. Jason said it was a based on ridership and combination of other factors.

Chris asked Philip Dulany about the parking situation at Shalom Square. Discussion continued where Jeff Specht advised contacting the County's non-emergency line with a call for service. Chris said he would check with Department of Public Works (DPW) regarding signs.

Jason said additional updates regarding the bus stop improvements will be made at the next meeting in March.

Jackie Eng asked about a bus stop on Route 1 across from the MultiService Center. Chris explained that as part of the US 1 Safety Evaluation Plan, it is recommended to add a pedestrian activated signal at Brewer's Court to help pedestrians cross Route 1 in that area.

- II. **Transit Development Plan Implementation:** (minute 1:05)

Jason announced that the Transit Development Plan has been approved by the County Executive. Jason addressed two changes to the proposed bus route changes that were made as a result of public input. The 404 route will go directly to the hospital while still serving the college, and the 408 bus will serve Columbia Crossing and Dobbin Center without requiring riders to transfer. Chris announced the roll out date on May 5, 2019.

- III. **Paratransit Workgroup** (minute 1:13)

Chris informed the TPAG that another Paratransit Workgroup meeting will need to be scheduled.

- IV. **Transit and Pedestrian related items in the Transition Report** (minute 1:15)

Chris announced that the final transition report was given to the County Executive two weeks ago. The Office of Transportation will hear from the County Administration of any

changes to the department. Chris continued to read through highlighted areas in the report dealing with Transportation and asked the TPAG members if they would like a copy of the highlighted transition report. The members said yes.

5. **Next Meeting** (minute 1:32)

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 19, 2019. This will be a joint meeting with the Bicycle Advisory Group.

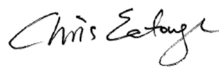
Jackie Eng requested that a discussion regarding bus stops associated with schools, particularly high school and middle schools, be added to the agenda for March 19. Chris agreed.

6. **Adjournment** (minute 1:38)

Marlene Hendler adjourned the meeting at 3:45pm.

Action items:

- *The Office of Transportation will send a copy of the Transition Report with the highlighted transportation related items to all TPAG members.*
- *The Office of Transportation will request the property managers in Dobbin Center to paint a crosswalk at the bus stop located across from the parking lot of Ross.*
- *Chris Eatough agreed to check with Department of Public Works regarding parking signage at Shalom Square.*
- *Chris Eatough agreed to add a discussion on bus stops associated with schools on the March 19th meeting agenda.*



Chris Eatough
Executive Secretary

Date

2/14/19



Lauren Frank

Date

2/14/19