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### **TRANSIT AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY GROUP (TPAG) MINUTES**

March 19, 2019 4:00 p.m.

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#### **Members Present:**

Astamay Curtis  
Marian Vessels  
Bob McLaughlin  
David Ramsay  
Jeff Specht  
Philip Dulany  
Paul Walsky  
Marlene Hendler

#### **Office of Transportation Staff:**

Chris Eatough  
Jason Quan  
Rashidi Jackson  
Lauren Frank

#### **Non-Members Present:**

Katie DiSalvo-Thronson  
Karina Fisher

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#### **1. Approval of minutes and previous action items progress (minute :01)**

Astamay Curtis moved to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2019 Transit and Pedestrian Advisory Group (TPAG) meeting. Marlene Hendler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chris provided updates on last meeting's action items.

1. Office of Transportation sent out the transition report to members.
2. Chris has reached out to different property owners and is making progress.
3. New signage has been placed on Shalom Square
4. Discussion on bus stops associated with schools has been added to the agenda.

2. **Transit Development Plan Implementation** (minute :07)

Chris said the changes to the RTA bus routes are set and will go into effect May 5<sup>th</sup>. Office of Transportation is working on public outreach to make sure current bus riders are aware of the changes. Jason told members it would be helpful if they could spread the word. Astamay Curtis asked when the flyers will be placed on the busses. Jason said the finalized brochures will be ready by early April. David Ramsay asked if there was a website and requested a press release. Chris said [www.transitrt.com](http://www.transitrt.com) will have the information. Chris said there was potential to do a media event Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

3. **Bus Stop improvement update** (minute: 10)

Chris announced consolidating two pairs of stops at Columbia Crossing closer to the crosswalk. Jason said there is progress in relocating the bus stop across the Walmart parking lot in Dobbin Center to a location by the Ross. The shelter was previously provided by the bank which is no longer there, so they are working on transferring ownership. Jason announced the additional of a bus shelter across from Colonial Landing and the Elkridge Library on Rowanberry Drive as well as relocation of a bus stop on Guilford Road.

4. **MTA Public Survey for Regional Transit Development Plan** (minute :20)

Chris provided background on the Regional Transit Development Plan and said the MTA is looking for public input regarding transit in the region. Chris presented the online survey which can be found at [rtp.mta.maryland.gov](http://rtp.mta.maryland.gov).

Astamay asked if there was a hard copy? Jason said there were no hard copies, the survey must be taken online.

5. **Bus stops associated with schools** (minute :25)

Chris presented a map showing the high schools that are currently serviced by RTA routes throughout the county. Six out of twelve are on the RTA transit service.

David Ramsay asked about a bus route extending to Homewood Center and Applications and Research Laboratory. Jason said that phase one of the Transit Development Plan dealt with improving the existing services and future phases will deal with expanding services to areas not currently being served. David asked when the next phase will be? Jason said probably a couple of years but will depend on the level of funding available. David Ramsay expressed disappointment that bus service to the Homewood Center is not being provided at this time.

Chris began the discussion about the opportunity for the bus schedules to serve after school activities. David said it was not uncommon for after school activities to run until 5pm or so. Jason said that the bus routes run hourly until 8, 9, or 10pm which will cover the after-school activities.

