



TRANSIT AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY GROUP (TPAG)

March 20, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

The George Howard Building – Columbia-Ellicott Room
3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043

AGENDA

1. Joint Meeting with the Bicycle Advisory Group

Introductions

Joint meeting objectives – areas of emphasis, areas of overlap

Pathway etiquette initiative

2. Approval of the January 24, 2017 Minutes

3. Public Comment

Kelli Shimabukuro, Howard County Striders?

4. Announcements/Updates

i. US 29 Pedestrian Bridge

ii. Transit Development Plan Public Hearing

iii. FY 19 Budget

5. Old Business

i. Transit Development Plan

ii. US 1 Safety Evaluation

iii. Walk Howard Pedestrian Plan

6. New Business

Bus Stop Improvements Program

7. Adjournment

Future MTB Meetings

June 20, 2018 RTA Update

September 20, 2018



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TRANSIT AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY GROUP (TPAG) MINUTES

January 24, 2018 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Astamay Curtis Phil Dulaney Jackie Eng Marlene Hendler Bob McLaughlin David Ramsay Jeff Specht Hannah Witkin	Staff: Clive Graham, Executive Secretary John Ainsley, Recording Secretary Albert Engel, Office of Transportation Chris Eatough, Office of Transportation
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1. **Approval of the November 29, 2017 Minutes** (minute 4)

Jackie Eng moved to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2017 meeting and Bob McLaughlin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a vote of 8-0

2. **Announcements** (minute 6)¹

- i. **US 29 Pedestrian Bridge update:** (minute 7) The bridge reopened in late December. The lighting is the last item currently being worked on. Project completion is expected to be in February.
- ii. **New Transit buses:** (minute 8) Seven new transit buses have arrived in December 2017 and are currently being used in service. There are six more buses on order that are expected to arrive in October 2018.
- iii. **Transit Development Plan Hearing:** (minute 10) Due to budget issues in the FY2019, the TDP public hearing may be delayed and introduced for County Council hearing on March 19, 2018.

3. **Public Comment** (minute 12)

There was no public comment.

¹ Minute references are to the meeting audio recording; see link on the Transit and Pedestrian Advisory Group webpage.

4. **Old Business** (minute 13)

i. **Transit Development Plan** (minute 13)

Clive presented update of the TDP Plan in the announcements.

ii. **US RT 1 Safety Evaluation** (minute 13)

Chris Eatough gave an update of the US 1 Safety evaluation the Office of Transportation has been conducting during the past six months. Chris said the evaluation was initiated due to an increase in pedestrian fatalities along US 1. A contractor (Sabra Wang) has been hired and is reviewing the crash data and will compile recommendations to address the safety concerns. Several open houses were held to get public input. The Study's core team, including the State Highway Administration, has conducted field evaluations of several areas along the corridor.

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

i. **Walk Howard Pedestrian Plan** (minute 26)

Chris Eatough & Albert Engel gave an update presentation of the Walk Howard Pedestrian Plan which include the following highlights:

- This is an update of the 2007 Plan
- Plan has a vision for a walkable Howard County for all ages and abilities
- Plan will integrate with the Fixed route transit system
- Includes Vision, Goals and Guiding Principles from the 2007 Pedestrian Plan

Chris Eatough and Albert Engel gave a presentation about the Walk Howard Pedestrian Plan. They said

- Plan has a vision for a walkable Howard County for all ages and abilities
- It is an update of the 2007 Plan, that includes projects from the 2007 Pedestrian Plan
- The Plan's recommendations prioritize access to the fixed route transit system bus stops

ii. **TPAG Web Page** (minute 27)

Clive demonstrated to the group the Office of Transportation and TPAG web page locations and content.

iii. **Future Topics** (minute 32)

Clive discussed with the group what topics would be covered at future meetings. It was decided the following listed topics would be discussed:

- Walk Howard
- Bus Stops
- Mobility

It was recommended that members review the Walk Howard material prior to the March meeting.

6. **Adjournment** (minute 113)

Ms. Hendler adjourned the meeting at 4:53 pm. The next Transportation and Pedestrian Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for **March 20, 2018 at 3:00 pm.** (Joint meeting with Bicycle Advisory Group followed by TPAG meeting)

Clive Graham

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Executive Secretary

1/30/18

Date

John Ainsley

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Recording Secretary

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Date