

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD MINUTES February 22, 2022 7:00pm

Members

Present: Larry Schoen, Chair Staff: Allison Calkins, Office of Transportation

Ted Cochran, Vice Chair Brooks Phelps, Office of Transportation

Alice Giles Carrie Anderson-Watters, Office of Transportation

Marlene Hendler Chris Eatough, Office of Transportation
Phillip Dodge David Cookson, Office of Transportation

Shahriar Etemadi

Members David Drasin Members Terri Hansen

Excused: David Zinner of the Monica Simon Public:

1. Approval of Agenda for Meeting

The draft agenda for the meeting was presented for approval. Agenda was approved.

2. Review of Minutes from January 25, 2022

The draft minutes for the November meeting were presented for approval. Ted Cochran motioned to approve the minutes and Alice Giles seconded the motion. Minutes passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

There was no request for comment from members of the public.

4. New Business/Ongoing Business

- i. Bus Stop Improvement and Replacement Carrie Anderson-Watters
 - a. RTA system has 683 bus stops; of which 489 are in Howard County
 - b. 25 bus stop improvements since FY2020
 - c. Cost \$202,443 for the improvements (includes accessibility and shelter improvements)
 - d. Meeting materials detail the improvements
 - e. The Carls Court bus stop will be moved back to Walmart in the next few months (update from prior meeting)
 - f. Current fleet is 72 vehicles with 44 being replaced through FY2023 (60% of fleet)
 - g. Cost is \$9.7M (81% Federal, 2% State, 17% Local)
- ii. Priority Letter Update -- David Cookson
 - a. Regional cooperation effort with other members of BRTB/BMC
 - b. US1 Corridor is number one priority related to safety for all modes of transportation

c. US29 Corridor focuses on transit and roadway operations, including North-South Connector in DTC and Rivers Edge intersection farther south. North-South Connector will create a more direct connection to DTC, including for future BRT service.

5. <u>Development Update – Brooks Phelps</u>

- i. New development
 - a. The Towns at Court Hill: OOT comment called for additional sidewalks
 - b. Solar Farm at Hall Shop/Guilford Roads: OOT comment calls for sidewalk frontage and roadway expansion
- ii. Older development
 - a. Bethany Glen resubmission: asking for additional sidewalks and bike lane striping

6. General Office of Transportation Updates - Chris Eatough

- i. Bikeshare program ended yesterday, February 21st. Stations being removed this week.
- ii. E-scooters: Spin has one-year permit. Working with them about a launch date, hopefully this spring
- iii. Active Transportation Open House ran last week online.
 - i. 200+ people participated
 - ii. Three live topic-specific sessions were provided for the public to interact with staff
- iv. Complete Streets Design Manual Update passed County Council and has been signed
 - i. Next steps: Subdivision Regulations will be updated by the end of the year

7. Future Meeting Items

- i. Complete Streets Implementation Updates-Ongoing
- ii. Update from DPZ on DTC
- iii. FY 2023 budget outlook for Transportation projects
- iv. Update MTA Service (Express Bus, MARC)
- v. Coordination with State agencies
- vi. Town Center Multimodal Transportation Update

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with no objections at 8:07 p.m.

9. Next Meeting

The next MTB meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2022 at 7pm and will remain virtual.

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Bruce Gartner Date

Executive Secretary