

**Members**

**Present:** Larry Schoen, Chair  
Ted Cochran, Vice Chair  
Shahriar Etemadi  
Alice Giles  
Marlene Hendler  
Monica Simon

**Staff:** Bruce Gartner, Executive Secretary  
Allison Calkins, Office of Transportation  
Carrie Anderson-Watters, Office of Transportation  
David Cookson, Office of Transportation  
Chris Eatough, Office of Transportation  
Brian Muldoon, Office of Transportation  
Brooks Phelps, Office of Transportation  
Charlene Mingus, Transportation Planner Baltimore Metropolitan Council

**Members Excused:** David Drasin  
Phillip Dodge

**Members of the Public:** Phil Scherer

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1. **Approval of Agenda for Meeting** The draft agenda for the meeting was presented for approval. Agenda was approved unanimously.
2. **Review of Minutes from May 24, 2022** The draft minutes for the May meeting were presented for approval. Minutes passed unanimously.
3. **Public Comment** There was a member of the public in attendance who asked to make his public comment during the Development Review. The Board agreed to this request. See item 5 in the Development Report for the comment.
4. **New Business/Ongoing Business**
  - I. Baltimore Regional Active Transportation Plan – Charlene Mingus
    - BPAG held a work session to develop a list of top regional Active Transportation priorities
    - Vision is to develop top active transportation priorities grounded in adopted bicycle, pedestrian, complete streets, and/or parks and recreation plan
    - Goals include fulfilling federal requirement to address bike and ped planning as a component of Resilience 2050, the regional long-range plan; identifying opportunities to connect and enhance the regional active transportation system; and position member jurisdictions to pursue funding opportunities. The planning process is currently underway for the projects and planning investments in Resilience 2050
    - Some of the projects presented at the workshop included in the work session are the Patuxent Branch Trail Completion from Downtown Columbia to Laurel; shared use path and sidewalk along Route 1 Corridor in Howard County; completion of the Patapsco Regional Greenway.
    - The group voted on priority projects; the three projects listed above were included and approved by BPAG members
    - Regional map is coming soon and will be shared with MTB members. OoT comment: the best place to find updates on these projects is our Howard County Office of Transportation - Active Transportation Open House website

## 5. Development Plans Downtown Columbia -Brooks Phelps & David Cookson

OOT explains changes to Development Review Report to better incorporate feedback from MTB as part of the adoption of the new design manual. MTB requests larger images for future reports.

OOT presents summary of development plans since last MTB report along with current disposition:

- i. SDP-22-042 Lakefront North
  - a. MTB member commented on the need for a signal at Wincopin Circle and Little Patuxent Parkway
  - b. OOT noted that the county has requested a new signal at Sterrett Place
- ii. SDP-22-044 W.H Boyer
  - a. No comment from MTB
- iii. F-22-063 Landing Enclave-East, Lots 1-4
  - a. No comment from MTB
- iv. F-22-062 Landing Enclave-West, Lots 3 and 4
  - a. No comment from MTB
- v. SDP-22-016 Patel Property
  - a. No comment from MTB
- vi. SDP-22-049 Mill Haven Lot 9
  - a. MTB says that Oakland Mills is very difficult to bike along.
  - b. OOT reiterates that its disposition is that the plan should include a bike lane to connect the park to the nearby CA pathway. (These comments included at end of presentation)
- vii. S-22-008 Calla Property
  - a. MTB asks for clarification about how the number of units in a subdivision impacts design manual enforcement. OOT explains that the multimodal analysis is required for more than four units. MTB asks for information about the multimodal analysis threshold in writing.
- viii. SDP-18-058b Blue Stream Phase 3
  - a. Member of the public comments that the Design Review Panel will meet tomorrow about a neighboring parcel (former flea market site) that will include a shared use pathway, noting that it does not tie in well with the existing sidewalk. He suggests that the pathway be extended or widened to better incorporate it into the site. OOT responds that they have not seen it yet but will keep it in mind when it is submitted. Public comment is that the impact is more on this project than the former flea market site.
- ix. S-22-005 Dorsey Business Center, Parcel A
  - a. No comment from MTB
- x. SDP-22-019 Southlake Office Building
  - a. No comment from MTB
- xi. SDP-22-027 7-11 Stevens Forest
  - a. No comment from MTB
- xii. SDP-22-007 New Reformed Church
  - a. MTB mentions concerns from social media about placing a church near such a highly used part of road, which includes a mosque that already needs additional traffic direction during services. A left turn lane is suggested.
  - b. OOT responds that they will discuss more with SHA.

- c. MTB comments that biking along this road is terrible. A new fire station proposed along the road is mentioned. MTB asks if a multimodal analysis is actionable
- d. OOT says that it is not necessarily but gives county information to act.
- e. MTB says that it is much more comfortable where 108 has been repaved. Another member notes that the number of parking spaces seems appropriate.
- f. MTB expresses concern about projects adding up and creating a traffic environment similar to downtown Clarksville.

OOT provides updates on previously presented plans.

MTB requests to receive development review summary more in advance to have additional review time as well as larger images of the plans.

## **6. General Office of Transportation Updates – David Cookson, Bruce Gartner and Chris Eatough**

- i. Ellicott City Transportation Plan is primarily focused on parking management, wayfinding system design and placement. Stakeholders are now being identified.
- ii. Walk Audit Update
  - 1. Downtown Columbia Partnership is speaking to Toole Design for their consultant services and we're looking at launching in September exploring three different segments over three Friday morning sessions (9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- iii. OoT Staff Updates: Shirlene Rogers has joined the office as our Administrative Aide and Molly Nur is leaving for a consulting firm
- iv. MTB vacancy should be filled in the next month or two
- v. E-scooter implementation
  - 1. Spin and the Downtown Columbia Partnership are exploring a six-month pilot beginning in June
  - 2. There will be geofenced slow- and no- zones around the Lakefront
  - 3. Spin is working with property owners to develop parking corrals; there will be incentives for docking in specified locations
- vi. Budget Update
  - 1. County Council is working on amendments
  - 2. Resurfacing list is still being debated
  - 3. Budget needs to be passed by Friday
- vii. Complete Streets Update to County Council is being finalized and includes next steps, safety statistics and expansion of school walk zones. No exceptions to the policy were granted last year.

## **7. Future Meeting Items**

- i. Complete Streets Implementation Updates-Ongoing
- ii. Update MTA Service (Express Bus, MARC)
- iii. MTA East-West Corridor Alignment Update

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

## **9. Next Meeting**

The next MTB meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2022 at 7pm and will be virtual.

Bruce Gartner  
Executive Secretary