



**MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
MINUTES**

***October 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.***

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**Members Present:** Astamay Curtis  
Brian Dillard  
David Drasin  
Alice Giles  
Larry Schoen, Vice Chair  
David Zinner

**Staff:** Clive Graham, Executive Secretary  
David Cookson, Office of Transportation

**Members Excused:** Ron Hartman, Chair  
Rick Wilson

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**1. September 24, 2018 Minutes** (minute :01)

Larry Schoen moved to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2018 Multimodal Transportation Board (MTB) meeting. Astamay Curtis noted a misspelling in the minutes; under item 6.ii the word “Sate” should be “State”. MTB members discussed what materials would be attached to the meeting minutes, such as hands outs and presentations. Clive Graham stated that all meeting documents are attached when the approved minutes are loaded to the website.

Astamay moved to approve the minutes, David Zinner seconded and motion passed unanimously.

**2. Public Comments** (minute :04)

There were no public comments.

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

Clive made the following announcements:

**i. Patuxent Branch Trail at Old Guilford Road- Storage Facility** (minute :05)

Clive reminded the MTB of the county’s intention to build a pathway alongside Old Guilford Road next to the storage facility and the need to obtain an easement from the

Columbia Association (CA). Clive stated that the CA Board deadlocked at its last meeting, but would be voting again on October 26, 2018.

**ii. Land Development Process (minute :08)**

Clive and David Cookson stated that, due to the volume and timing of development applications, staff is proposing to provide the update every two months, but to alert the MTB should anything significant occur in the interim.

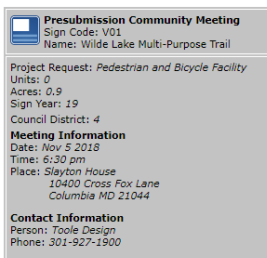
Clive told MTB members about a pre-submission meeting on November 5 for the Wilde Lake Pathway project. Larry and David Drasin asked how they could learn about the project. David Cookson showed MTB members how they could find information on projects and meetings using the Department of Planning and Zoning's on-line development information tool.

David said the Office of Transportation (OoT) had received Simpson Oaks and Sheppard Lane's road plans but had not reviewed the plans yet.

Larry and David Zinner asked for the Wilde Lake Village Center Pathway meeting location and date, including a link to the meeting.

[https://data.howardcountymd.gov/Search\\_Plans/Search\\_Plans\\_Web.aspx](https://data.howardcountymd.gov/Search_Plans/Search_Plans_Web.aspx)

The meeting will be on November 5, 6:30 PM at Slayton House (10400 Cross Fox Lane)



**iii. New Bus Event (minute :17)**

Clive told MTB members about the press event held at the Regional Transportation Agency's (RTA) operations facility on October 9. Howard County Executive Allan Kittleman announced the arrival of six new buses and a \$50,000 grant for a mobile fare payment system.

**iv. Transit Development Plan Implementation (minute :21)**

Clive said that Transit Development Plan implementation (TDP) public hearing will be held on December 13. Clive asked the MTB members if they could attend the TDP hearing on December 13 so the hearing could be held under the auspices of the MTB in case the RTA Commission could not hold hearing. Most of the MTB members indicated they would be able to attend.

**v. Student Bus Passes (minute :25)**

Clive said he had followed up on Rick Wilson's request to provide student bus passes for after-school activities. Clive said the RTA provided 50 passes to Rick. Alice Giles provided background information on school transportation in Howard County, noting that Reservoir High School received a grant to run an afterschool activity bus.

#### 4. **Old Business** (minute :28)

##### i. **Bus Rapid Transit ridership analysis / recommendations** (minute :28)

Clive provided background on the county's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) planning studies. David outlined the OoT's recent BRT ridership analysis including scenarios tested, the travel demand ridership model, and the ridership projections. Clive discussed the cost to run a BRT system and policy recommendations that had been discussed with the County Executive, including the idea of growing service initially by running a bus to Burtonsville from Columbia.

Larry recommended an MTB work session to discuss options for incrementally advancing bus service in the US 29 Corridor. The Board agreed to hold the session at 6 p.m. on November 27, immediately prior to the next MTB meeting.

##### ii. **US 1 Safety Evaluation** (minute 1:18)

Clive provided an update and stated that Howard County and the Maryland State Highway Administration (MDSHA) had reached a tentative agreement for the County to design, and MDSHA to construct the projects. David Zinner asked about the proposed bike lanes on US 1 in North Laurel and how they fit into the larger bike network.

David Zinner noted that he had participated in a Horizon Foundation event in the Guilford Road/Oakland Mills road area related to pedestrian and accessibility issues and stated that the Horizon Foundation did not seem to be aware of the US 1 study.

#### 5. **New Business** (minute 1:22)

##### i. **MD 99 Corridor Investigation** (minute 1:22)

Clive provided information on the MD 99 Corridor Investigation, including background, findings, and the upcoming public meeting on December 11.

##### ii. **MTA 201 Route** (minute 1:29)

David Drasin brought up Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) 201 route (Gaithersburg to BWI) and discussed asking for a stop in Columbia. Larry recommended David Drasin draft a resolution for the MTB and Clive said he would follow up with MTA.

#### 6. **Adjournment** (minute 1:33)

Before the adjournment, Larry discussed Howard County's coordination with MDSHA projects in Howard County and raised his concerns related to public outreach and coordination.

Larry adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm. The next MTB meeting is scheduled on November 27, 2018.

*Clive Graham*

11/9/18

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Clive Graham

Date

Executive Secretary

*David Cookson*

11/9/18

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David Cookson

Date

Office of Transportation