



**MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
MINUTES**

January 22, 2019 at 7:00pm

Members Present: Ron Hartman
David Drasin
Alice Giles
Ron Hartman, Chair
Larry Schoen, Vice
Chair
David Zinner

Staff: Chris Eatough, Office of Transportation
David Cookson, Office of Transportation
Jason Quan, Office of Transportation
Lauren Frank, Office of Transportation

Members of the Public: Terry Hansen, Howard County Office of Aging

Members Excused: Astamay Curtis
Rick Wilson
Brian Dillard

1. November 27, 2018 Minutes (minute :01)

Ron Hartman moved to approve the minutes from the November 27, 2018 Multimodal Transportation Board (MTB) meeting. Alice Giles seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Comments (minute :01)

There were no public comments.

3. Announcements/Updates (minute :01)

i. Office of Transportation Staff Changes (minute :01)

Chris Eatough introduced himself as the Acting Administrator for the Office of Transportation. Chris informed the MTB that Angela Cabellon has been appointed as OoT's liaison to the County Executive.

Larry Schoen requested the minutes be sent in advance. OoT agreed to send out the minutes, agenda and material prior to the meeting.

ii. Land Development Updates (minute :06)

David Cookson announced that Rashidi Jackson will be returning to the OoT and presented three new land development projects.

- Dorsey Ridge plan will include sidewalks along Old Columbia road and a shared-used pathway to connect the Veteran's elementary school.
- Simpson Oaks Trail is mostly a recreational pathway system with all natural surface with a suspension bridge to connect to Robinson's nature center.
- Wilde Lake multi-use pathway is a new pathway along the north side of Twin Rivers road from Governor Warfield to the Wilde Lake Shopping Center. The pathway is part of community enhancements under the Downtown Columbia Plan.

iii. Old Guilford Road/Patuxent Branch Trail (minute :32)

Chris provided an update of the Patuxent Branch Trail and storage facility. The new storage facility will be using Old Guilford Road for access and as a result the county completed construction of a new segment of the Patuxent Branch Trail, a shared-use pathway.

iv. Transit Development Plan Implementation (minute :34)

Jason Quan informed the MTB that the OoT met with the County Executive about the proposed bus route changes and received his support for the recommendations. A handout was presented, showing changes to the proposals based on public input. Jason addressed two of those changes. The 404 route will go directly to the hospital while still serving the college, and the 408 bus will serve Columbia Crossing and Dobbin Center without requiring riders to transfer. Jason said the rollout date has been pushed back to the end of April.

Alice Giles asked if there was any talk regarding the addition of a bus stop at the Board of Education at Clarksville Pike. Jason Quan said not through public input but it is a possibility in the expansion phase of the plan.

The MTB inquired about the 501. Jason Quan replied that concerns have been expressed about the 501 no longer going to BWI. Jason explained that Anne Arundel pulled out their share of the funds and is now operating a frequent shuttle to BWI.

v. MD 99 Corridor Investigation (minute :50)

David Cookson stated the OoT held a public meeting on December 11, 2018 at Mount Hebron High School to talk about the outcomes and results of the MD 99 Corridor study. David went through the background of the study. SHA is working on long-term projects for the I-70 corridor while the county is working on short-term recommendations and mitigations for a couple of the intersections. David explained that the OoT is working on a response to public comments which will be outlined in the final report to the SHA and the County Administration in the spring.

vi. Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan (minute :58)

Chris stated that MTA will be starting to create the plan for regional transit in the Spring and it is due October 2020. Howard County will be involved. A handout was presented with an overview of topic areas the plan will address.

4. **New Business** (minute 1:06)

Before continuing with the agenda, Chris provided an update from Rick Wilson that the Wilde Lake High School bus passes have been delivered and are being used. Chris stated that the topic of other Howard County schools introducing transit will be discussed at a future meeting. Alice Giles offered to invite someone from the school system to join the discussion.

i. **Priority Letter** (minute 1:07)

David Cookson announced that the Priority Letter public meeting will be held January 29, 2019 to solicit feedback on general transportation priorities. The Priority Letter is due to the State by April 1st.

ii. **501 Route** (minute 1:13)

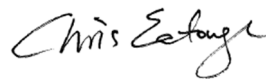
It was stated that this topic was discussed earlier.

iii. **MTA 201-Stop in Howard County** (minute 1:14)

David Drasin said that if the MTA 201 could stop at Broken Land park & ride, it would be a useful connection in Howard County. Ron Hartman stated the idea had been brought to MTA before, and should be done again and discussed possible reasons for the bus not being able to stop at the park and ride. David Cookson suggested bringing the issue up at the BRT meeting.

5. **Adjournment** (minute 1:19)

Ron adjourned the meeting at 8:21 pm. The next MTB meeting is scheduled on February 26, 2019 at 7pm.



1/28/2018

Chris Eatough
Executive Secretary

Date



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Lauren Frank
Office of Transportation

Date