

#### MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD

March 26, 2019 7:00 p.m.

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

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#### **AGENDA**

## Regular monthly meeting

- 1. Approval of Agenda
- 2. Approval of the February 26, 2019 Minutes
- 3. Public Comment
- 4. Announcements/Updates
  - i. Transit Development Plan Implementation
  - ii. Land Development Updates
- 5. New Business
  - i. Priority Letter
  - ii. MTA Regional Transit Plan Survey
  - iii. Discussion of potential student bus pass program
  - iv. Capital and Operating Budgets
- 6. Adjournment

Future MTB Meetings Dates

April 23, 2019 March 28, 2019



# MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD MINUTES

February 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**Members** 

**Present:** Ron Hartman, Chair **Staff**: Chris Eatough, Executive Secretary

Larry Schoen, Vice Chair

Astamay Curtis Brian Dillard David Drasin Alice Giles Rick Wilson David Zinner Jason Quan, Office of Transportation Lauren Frank, Office of Transportation Albert Engel, Office of Transportation

David Cookson, Office of Transportation

**Members of** Jenna Crawley, Howard County Office of

the Public: Aging and Independence

# 1. Approval of Agenda (minute:00)

The approval of agenda did not occur.

# 2. Approval of the January 22, 2019 Minutes (minute :01)

Alice Giles moved to approve minutes from the January 22, 2019 Multimodal Transportation Board (MTB) meeting. David Zinner mentioned he was not at the meeting. Alice Giles moved to approve minutes as amended. Rick Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

# **3. Public Comment** (minute :01)

A member of the public expressed frustration in locating road closure information, particularly the recent closure of Frederick Road due to a culvert replacement.

Introductions of members, staff, and the public took place.

### **4. Announcements/Updates** (minute :05)

#### i. Transit Development Plan Implementation (minute :05)

Chris Eatough announced the Regional Transit Agency (RTA) route and schedule changes have been approved by the County Executive and the target rollout date is May 5, 2019.

#### ii. Land Development Updates (minute :08)

David Cookson presented four new plan updates including: Downtown Columbia Lakefront Neighborhood, Magnolia Manor, Guilford Assisted Living, and Elkridge Crossing.

Elkridge Crossing is in the preliminary second phase of the Elkridge Crossing Development.

Downtown Columbia Lakefront Neighborhood Plan is in a very preliminary stage. David Cookson said Howard Hughes has indicated there will be a shared-use pathway along Little Patuxent Parkway to Running Brook.

Regarding the Guilford Assisted Living Plan, Larry Schoen asked if the request for sidewalk extension north to Pine Tree Lane was going to be off the property? David said he believed so.

Larry Schoen inquired about the Milk Producers Plan. David said it was still under review. A shared-use pathway is proposed through the site to Gorman Crossing Elementary and sidewalks along Gorman Road into the Hammond School campus. Chris noted that the pathway will be opened to the public, not just residents.

Ron mentioned that the MTB previously received periodic updates on the Downtown Columbia Transportation Demand Management Plan and requested an update at a future meeting. Ron pointed out there are garages next to every high-rise building. David Cookson said that is a requirement in the plan.

### 5. New Business (minute :26)

#### i. Priority Letter (minute :26)

David Cookson announced the Office of Transportation (OoT) has finalized the revised draft of the Priority Letter, developed from input at a public meeting in February, email comments, and written comments.

MTB members expressed concerns about not being able to read or comment on the draft before sending to the administration. David Cookson explained the OoT is following the process with the administration. The draft letter will be sent to the administration first, and then to board members before the next meeting.

#### ii. Discussion of potential student bus pass program (minute :35)

Alice Giles said there is a six-week summer school program where transportation is needed by students. Alice presented an idea of a program which would provide students with free or subsidized bus passes. Rick Wilson proposes that all schools implement the bus pass program. Ron Hartman suggested Alice and Rick put together a proposal to submit to the RTA and County Administration. Alice requested a list of biggest concerns from OoT and will send a draft out by next meeting.

#### iii. Capital and Operating Budgets (minute :52)

Members worked on edits of draft testimony the MTB will present at the budget hearing Tuesday, March 5. David Zinner moved to approve the testimony letter with proposed changes. David Drasin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **6. Adjournment** (minute: 1:37)

Before the adjournment, Chris announced that the OoT reached out to the Maryland Transit Agency (MTA) planning staff regarding route 201 adding a connection in Columbia. The MTA is looking at the route.

Ron adjourned the meeting at 8:39 pm. The next MTB meeting is scheduled on March 26, 2019 at 7pm.

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Chris Eatough
Executive Secretary

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Lauren Frank
Office of Transportation

# Plan Review Updates for the MTB 2-26-19 to 3-26-19 Items in red text are changes/updates since the prior report

Month entered for MTB	Plan Name	Plan Number	Roads/Streets	Number of Units/Sq. Ft.	Description	Comments	Bike/Ped	Transit	Plan Status / Next Steps
Mar-19	Simpson Oaks	F-18-041	Grace Drive	158 Units	This development has 158 units (SFD, & SFA Homes) that is located off Grace Drive. This F Plan shows the orientation of homes, sidewalks throughout the development, and the buffered bike lane along Grace Drive.	The developer has addressed all of OOT's comments regarding the bike lanes along Grace Drive, sidewalks throughout the development, and other minor comments.	Yes	No	Approved
Feb-19	Downtown Columbia Lakefront Neighborhood	FDP-DC-L-2		875 units (will be phased in)	This plan shows the neighborhood limits for the Downtown Columbia Lakefront Neighborhood. Final Development Plans provides the following: neighborhood outline, number of units, land use parcels, and planned improvements (not in detail).	OOT commented on following: schedule for the shared use pathway implementation, bike connection to LPP pathway from Whole Foods, how Transportation Demand Management (TDM) will be met for this neighborhood, and general questions regarding the Traffic Impact Study.	Yes	Yes	Resubmission Requested
Feb-19	Magnolia Manor	F-19-019	Old Scaggsville Road	59 units	The plans are showing 59 new homes (44 town homes, and 15 single family homes) and two existing homes. The developer is providing road improvements along Old Scaggsville Road, and internal of the subdivision	OOT is currently reviewing the plans.	Yes	No	In review
Feb-19	Guilford Assisted Living	SDP-19-040	Guilford Road	10,231 Sq. Ft. 4 story building	The plan shows a single four story building on a parcel on Guilford Road. The developer is proposing sidewalk along the frontage of the property	OOT requested the developer to provide the following road improvements: Paved and stripped shoulders for Bike Improvements, and extend the sidewalk north to Pine Tree lane where the county is planning to install sidewalks along Guilford Road.	Yes	No	Resubmission Requested
Feb-19	Elkridge Crossing	S-19-005	Washington Blvd.	158 Units	These plan are for the second phase of the Elkridge Crossing Development. The plans show 158 townhomes, a daycare, retail space, and apartment units.	2/19 OOT is currently reviewing the plans. 3/26/19 OOT recommended a revised plan for this project. The developer is addressing sidewalk widths, t-turnarounds, and building orientations.	Yes	No	Resubmission Requested
Jan-19	Dorsey's Ridge	F-19-047	Old Columbia Road	57 units	These plans are for the road constructing and storm water management plans for Cooks Lane, including sidewalks, the overall plan also includes a shared use pathway along the utility ROW to connect to veterans elementary, which will be shown at the site plan stage.	OOT has no issues/concerns with the development shown on this plan. The approval of this plan is contingent to the Cooks Lane improvement plans (will be submitted at a later phase).	Yes	No	Approved
Dec-18	Simpson Oaks Trail	SDP-19-025	Internal-Nature Trail	N/A	Natural surface trail with a large suspension bridge over the river.	The plan was reviewed by OOT and requested resubmission to provide additional information on wayfinding.	Yes	No	12-18-18, Resubmission Requested
Jan-19	Wilde Lake Multi-use Pathway	SDP-19-036	Twin Rivers Road	N/A	This is the site plan for a shared use pathway from Governor Warfield Parkway to Wilde Lake Village Center	OOT has comments regarding signage along the pathway.	Yes	Yes	Resubmission Requested
Jul-18	Milk Producers	S-18-003	Leishear Road, Gorman Road	794 units	This is a Sketch Plan, the first plan in the development cycle, for a 794 residential unit development. The project is located on the "Milk Producers" area near MD 216 and Leishear Road. The applicant is proposing to build the project in three phases with a mix of single family attached and detached houses	7-24-18 The project is still under review by OOT, but we do not expect any significant comments or issues since the road infrastructure is already built, there is no transit service in the area 9-21-18 After reviewing this development plan, OOT made the following comments regarding transportation: provide bike lanes and sidewalks along Leishear Road, show/provide detail of the road improvements at the intersection of Gorman Road & Leishear Road, add a second entrance to the development, provide pathway connections that connect to schools and internal road connections to optimize the flow of traffic. 3/26/19 OOT is requesting sidewalks along Leishear Road, and additional information on how the applicant could make a future connections to MD 216.	Y	N	7-24-18 The plan is still under review, but we expect to approve the plan. 9-21-18 Resubmission Requested. Plan submitted, pathway through project to schools, sidewalk on Graeloch to connect to Hammond school campus. 3/26/19 Resubmission Requested.
	Oxford Square - Parcel HH Bristol Court and The Yards.	SDP-18-055 and SDP-18-019	Coca Cola Drive, CSX Tracks	~1500 units, 190,000 sq. ft.	These are resubmission of earlier plans for two parts of Oxford Square, a 90 acre mixed use project, located near the intersection Coca Cola Drive and MD 100, with a final build out of just under 1,500 residential units and 190,000 square feet of commercial/retail space,	7-24-18 OOT requested the developer to provide information for a pedestrian connection, and the shuttle service from Oxford Square to the Dorsey MARC Station. 9-21-18 The developer has resubmitted the plans to the county for review, however OOT's comment have not been addressed. Following discussion with applicant, OOT has approved the plans.	Υ	N	7-24-18 Resubmission Requested. OOT approved the plans.
Nov-18	Brightview Senior Living	SDP-19-032	Martin Road	90 Units	This development is for a senior living development located at Martin Road and Seneca Drive. OOT commented at the Zoning Board (ZB) case which allowed the property to be rezoned from R-12 (Residential) to Community Enhancement Floating (CEF).	11-19-18 The plan is being reviewed by OOT Staff. At the ZB stage, OOT requested the applicant: update the existing pathways at Martin Road Park to AASHTO Standards, provide on street parking and bike racks, provide bike lanes along Martin Road, build crosswalks along Martin Road, and supply a bus shelter.	Y	Y	11-19-19 The plan is still under review. Revised plans submitted and approved by OOT on 1-17-19
Nov-18	Eden Brook	SP-18-003	Guilford Road	24 Units	This development is for 24 age-restricted townhomes. The property is currently zoned R-12 (Residential), with frontage along Guilford Road and Eden Brook Drive	11-19-18 OOT is currently reviewing the plans. Comments will be provided at the next MTB Meeting. OOT requested lead in sidewalk, bus stop pad.	Y	Y	11-19-19 The plan is still under review. Revised plans submitted on 1-18-19, bus stop pad missing, resubmission requested.

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Jul-18	Sheppard Lane Road Improvements	F-18-099	Sheppard Lane, MD 108	N/A	Road plans for the realignment of Sheppard Lane at MD 108 and are linked to the River Hill Square development project and the proposed Erickson Senior Living. These projects will be providing shared use paths along their frontages along MD 108 as per the Clarksville Streetscape Design Guidelines.	7-24-18 We will be reviewing the plans to ensure the designs are consistent with the Clarksville Streetscape Design Guidelines. 9-21-18 OOT requested the developer provide the following improvements: a safe crossing to get across MD 108 at the Sheppard Lane Intersection, reserving space for a future transit stop, ensuring the proposed pathway meets AASHTO standards, and provide a safe crossing at the entrance of River Hill Square.  10-4-18 OOT approved the plans. The developer complied with the comments that were made at the initial review.	Y	Y	7-24-18 The plan is still under review, but we expect to request a resubmission. 9-21-18 Resubmission Requested 10-4-18 Approved
Jul-18	The Village at Town Square	P-18-004	Resort Road, Turf Valley	153 units	This is a 153 unit development, with 92 townhouses and 61 apartments in the Turf Valley development. The project is located on Resort Road, a fully built road developed under previous road plans for Turf Valley	7-24-18 The project is still under review by OOT, but we do not expect any significant comments or issues since the road infrastructure is already built, there is no transit service in the area	N	N	7-24-18 The plan is still under review, but we expect to approve the plan. 9-21-18 Approved
Jul-18	Potter Place	S-18-008	Port Capital Drive across from Blackbird Lane.	26 units	This project proposes 26 condo unit in three buildings located at Port Capital Drive across from Blackbird Lane. The project will provide lead-in and internal sidewalks, there are existing sidewalks on Port Capital Drive.	7-24-18 The project is still under review by OOT, but we do not expect any significant comments or issues since the road infrastructure is ready built there is no transit service in the area	N	N	7-24-18 The plan is still under review, but we expect to approve the plan. 9-21-18 Approved
Sep-18	Cubesmart Storage Building	SDP-19-004	US 1, Montgomery Road	111,625 SF	This site development plan is for a three story self storage building (111,625 SF) at the intersection of US 1 & Montgomery Road The current property is zoned M-1 (manufacturing). As part of the site development plan, the developer is showing sidewalk along Montgomery Road, a 10' multi-use path along Washington Blvd, and a marked cross walk across the driveway.	OOT will be requesting the developer to extend the sidewalk along Montgomery Road to the property line and OOT is working with SHA to determine how a crosswalk across Montgomery Road could be implemented.	Y	N	Resubmission Requested
Sep-18	Magnolia Manor West	SDP-19-012	Old Scaggsville Road	6 units	This development is for 7 single family homes off MD 216 (Old Scaggsville Road.) The developer has provided road improvements along the frontage of the property, and proposes internal sidewalks. This development is apart of the a much larger development (Magnolia Manor, 61 lots) which is located on the other side of MD 216.	OOT has no issues/concerns with the development shown on this plan. The developer addressed OOT's comments in prior review phases.	N	N	Approved
Oct-18	Maple Lawn South Phase	SDP-117-052	Maple Lawn South Boulevard to Murphy Road		This plan is for the balance of units in Maple Lawn South. The developer has provided road improvements (bike lanes, and sidewalk) along Old Scaggsville for the first phase. The developer provided sidewalks throughout the development.	OOT has no issues/concerns with the development shown on this plan. The developer addressed OOT's comments in prior review phases.	N	N	Approved

Notes:
Projects less than 20 dwelling units and small non-residential projects are not included on this report unless there are significant transportation issues
Approved means OOT recommends approval