

# MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD **MINUTES**

September 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Members

**Present:** Ron Hartman, Chair

Larry Schoen, Vice Chair

David Zinner **David Drasin** Alice Giles

**Staff**: Bruce Gartner, Executive Secretary

David Cookson, Office of Transportation Rashidi Jackson, Office of Transportation Chris Eatough, Office of Transportation Jason Quan, Office of Transportation

**Members** 

of the **Members Excused:** Brian Dillard **Public:** 

Rick Wilson

Terri Hansen, Office of Aging

Beth Kreider, MDOT MTA Rob Harris, MDOT MTA

Ted Cochran

# 1. Approval of the August 27, 2019 Minutes (minute :00)

Ron Hartman moved to approve the minutes, after discussion, the minutes were then approved with the changes to the August Meeting minutes regarding David Zinner testifying in support of the complete streets policy.

# **2.** Public/Board Comments (minute :02)

There wasn't public comment at this meeting, however Bruce Gartner used this moment to introduce Ted Cochran as a future member of the MTB.

# **3.** Announcements/Updates (minute :04)

#### i. Complete Streets Resolution and Implementation (minute :11)

Bruce Gartner provided an update regarding the Complete Street Policy that was presented to the County Council. Advocates are pursuing the policy to be an ordinance rather than a resolution, and amendments may be added to require OOT to report any progress on complete streets. The MTB asked what council members were in support, and OOT responded that at least three out of the five were in support. Bruce Gartner stated that after the policy is passed, WRA/OOT will begin a scope for implementation.

# ii. MDOT Grant Awards for Bus Stop Improvements & Dobbin Road Bike Access Design (minute:09)

Bruce Gartner made the announcement that MDOT has awarded Howard County \$498,000 (\$400,000 for bus stop improvements, & \$98,000 for Dobbin Road bike access) in grant money. The MTB had questions regarding the Dobbin Road Project, and Chris Eatough stated all information can be found on OOT's Project page <a href="https://bikehoward.com/dobbin-road-pathway/">https://bikehoward.com/dobbin-road-pathway/</a>.

#### iii. Electric Scooters and Shared Mobility (minute:12)

Chris Eatough stated that Howard County is looking to implement a permitting process for Electric Scooters. Chris gave the MTB a brief overview of the policies to be addressed in a permit, and potential locations on areas where scooters would be permitted. The MTB had questions about parking enforcement, and whether the scooters would be allowed in neighborhoods.

## **4. New Business** (minute:29)

#### i. MDOT-MTA Presentation on Commuter Bus Program (minute:29)

Beth Kreider from MDOT-MTA gave a presentation about the Maryland Commuter Bus Program. Beth's presentation included the following: overall service area, hours of operation, names of contractors, length of contracts, and ridership data by route. MTA staff and the MTB had a discussion about the Route 201 (Gaithersburg to BWI Area) on stopping in Howard County. The MTB elaborated that if the 201 Bus would stop close to if not at the Broken Land Park & Ride, Howard County residents would use the service. Beth of the MTA agreed to explore options and see what could be done with making this connection.

#### ii. Pedestrian Mater Plan (minute:81)

Chris Eatough informed the MTB that the online map that was presented to them at the previous meeting is up and running and available for comments, and OOT will be making the Pedestrian Plan the next focus after the Complete Streets Resolution is passed by the County Council. [provide link]

#### iii. MDOT Draft CTP Overview (minute:86)

Bruce Gartner informed the MTB the date of the MDOT Tour Meeting [list the date]. Bruce also highlighted that draft CTP for the FY 20- FY 25 will be making cuts to various projects throughout the state. For Howard County, MDOT has cut the funding for the BRT study, and reduced the funding for the design and engineering of improvements along US 29 near the Rivers Edge Community.

## **5. Adjournment** (minute:110)

Ron Hartman adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm. The next MTB meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2019 at 6 P.M.

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Bruce Gartner	Date
Executive Secretary	
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Rashidi Jackson	Date
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