

Transportation Services Advisory Council
Minutes of July 16, 2021 Meeting
Via Web Ex

Members/Ex-Officio Present: Tim Davis, Maria Lorenzana-Castro, Christina Forbes, Joe Conny, Thomas Davy, Councilman Steve McKay, Alderman Kelly Russell, David Edmondson, Carol Sepe, and Roman Steichen.

Staff and Guests: Joel Eisenfeld, Mark Mishler, Cherian Eapen, Monica Bearden, Lauren Molesworth, Luke Benson, Emilee Blackburn, Jaime McKay, Kendall Tiffany, and Sandy Ruark.

Call to Order: Roman Steichen called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Roman mentioned that TSAC will be voting on a member reappointment and requested that voting members remain in the meeting in order to maintain a quorum.

Introductions: Attendees introduced themselves in the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the April meeting were approved as presented.

Elected Officials Report: Alderman Russell reported that the Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee met last week and provided information on five new bicycle/pedestrian safety projects funded by the Transportation Planning Board (TPB). If you would like to learn more about them, please contact her. Alderman Russell also reported that the TPB will be meeting next week.

Councilman McKay reported that the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) conducted a vote a few weeks ago which put the P3 project into jeopardy and may result in some major transportation projects losing State funding. The County Council met and took action naming County Executive Gardner as Frederick County's representative on the TPB in hopes of getting a new vote.

Old Business: Joel Eisenfeld presented an update on the Transportation Development Plan (TDP) currently being developed. Highlights included:

- Review of Service Alternatives
- Preparation of the Draft TDP

The presentation can be viewed in its entirety on TransIT's website at:

<https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/332933/Frederick-TransIT-TDP-TSAC-Meeting-7-16-21>.

New Business:

TSAC Appointment/Reappointment: TSAC members voted to recommend Joshua Bokee to the County Council as an At-Large member on TSAC. Tim Davis was also recommended for reappointment to a second term and will also serve as TSAC's Chair.

Planning Commission Update: Carol Sepe reported that the Planning Division is currently working on the Sugarloaf Management Plan and has also started the process of reviewing transportation priorities for the annual Frederick County Transportation Priorities letter.

Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) Update: Lauren Molesworth reported that MTA is continuing to work with Potomac Edison to install more electric vehicle charging stations at select MARC and Park & Ride facilities throughout the State. Additionally, MARC/Commuter Bus will return to normal service at the end of August, although fares will be raised approximately \$1.00.

SHA Update: Kandese Holford/Darren Bean not present; no report.

FCPS Update: Fred Punturiero not present; no report.

Ft. Detrick Update: Wilfred Plumley not present; no report.

MML Update: Councilman Ripley not present; no report.

TransIT Update: Roman Steichen reported:

- Jaime McKay has been appointed TransIT's Deputy Director.
- A bus shelter will be installed in North Frederick at Riverside and River Run. A donated shelter from Taney Village will be used and TransIT is awaiting approval from MTA to complete the installation.
- Roman is currently in discussion with the City of Frederick to provide an election shuttle to the voting center on New Design Road for the primary and general elections this fall.
- The TransIT facility renovation work is ongoing with anticipated completion in mid-late fall 2021.
- Two new diesel buses will be purchased in the coming year.
- Driver barriers have been installed in 80% of the fleet.
- TransIT continues to operate with COVID-19 protocols in place, including zero fares. TransIT anticipates to begin charging fares on October 1, 2021.
- Ridership is currently at 70% of pre-pandemic levels.

Next Meeting: The next TSAC Meeting will be October 15, 2021. Time and location to be determined.

Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Administrative Coordinator