



Bethesda TMD Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
Friday, January 15, 2021 8:00a.m. – 9:00am
Virtual Zoom Meeting

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8:00	Welcome & Introductions	Matt Keadle
8:05	Approve Minutes	Matt Keadle
8:10	Update on BRT/Flash Bus Service	Joana Conklin MCDOT
8:25	Update on Bethesda Bike Lanes	Matt Johnson MCDOT
8:35	BUP Updates Bethesda Streetery Employer Award Nominations	Jeff Burton Kristen Blackmon
8:50	Other Business	Matt Keadle
9:00	Adjourn	Matt Keadle

Next Meeting Date:

Friday, March 19, 2021, 8:00am
Virtual Meeting

2021 Meeting Dates:

Friday, January 15, 2021, 8:00am
Friday, March 19, 2021, 8:00am
Friday, May 21, 2021, Bike to Work Day?
Friday, July 16, 2021, 8:00am
Friday, September 17, 2021, 8:00am
Friday, November 19, 2021, 8:00am

**Bethesda Transportation Solutions
TMD Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting on Friday, November 20, 2020
Minutes**

Voting Members Present: Deirdre Robinson, Matthew Keadle, Kathleen Krause, Danielle Tenney, David Storper and Diane Yochelson

Non-Voting Member Present: Deborah Michaels

Guests Present: Del. Marc Korman, Meagan Sexton, Charlie Scott, WMATA

Staff Present: Kristen Blackmon, Jeff Burton, Brandan Stuckey, and Allison Kemp

Welcome

The meeting was called to order 8:30 AM. Potential new Committee Member Meagan Sexton was introduced. She is a Greater Bethesda Chamber Member and Next Exec Representative to the Chamber Board. The Chamber would submit a Recommendation Letter to the BUP Board for her approval. This should happen in December or January.

Kristen Blackmon stated that there has been interest in having the Committee meet virtually 8:00am-9:00am instead of 8:30am-9:30am. A survey will be emailed to Committee Members to vote on this.

TMP/Annual Reports

The Committee voted to approve the new TDM Plan submissions for Boston Consulting Group, Inc. and Rosenberg & Associates, LLC.

Presentations/Updates

Delegate Marc Korman gave committee members an update of the **Purple Line**.

- The Purple Line concessionaire has stopped work, State MTA looking at a new concessionaire and State is taking over contracts for construction.
- Matt Pollack is the new Purple Line Manager for the State at MTA.

Delegate Korman provided a summary of the **I-495/I-270 Managed Lanes project** at the State.

- The Environmental Impact Review period ended. State will next issue an RFP for work to be completed by a Public-Private Process.
- The RFP should come out in the first quarter of 2021.

Del. Korman stated that work was completed for a section of **bike lanes on Old Georgetown Road** outside of downtown Bethesda.

- This work was implemented quickly due to an existing roadway project that the State had planned.
- Some Committee Members expressed the need for the Old Georgetown Bike Lanes to continue into downtown Bethesda to add connectivity and safety.

Del. Korman stated that a **Pedestrian Access Act** was passed by the State Legislature and SHA will implement it to ensure pedestrian access during construction projects.

- SHA is also now looking at state roads differently, depending on their location (Urban vs. Rural) to implement additional pedestrian and bicycle safety measures and look at new infrastructure.

Mr. Charlie Scott from WMATA presented information **Metro**.

- **Ridership on Metrorail** was down 95% during the early COVID pandemic, now it is down about 85%.
- Buses are rear door boarding now to maintain distancing for drivers. **Front door boarding and fare payment will start again soon after January 1, 2021.**
- The Metro Board has been reviewing the **future Metro budget** and looking at possible cuts to service, eliminating vacant open positions and offering early retirement incentives to staff as a way to deal with significant budget shortages. There is hope that a future Federal stimulus package will help transit and Metro with budget issues.
- **Metro is conducting significant cleaning** of all buses and trains. There is a video explaining this on Metro's website, which Kristen Blackmon will provide in an email to Committee Members after this meeting.
- **The second Metro entrance in Bethesda** could open before the Purple Line starts running in Bethesda. There is still blasting work that needs to be completed for that to occur.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the virtual meeting ended at 9:30am.