



Bethesda TMD Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
Friday, March 19, 2021 8:00am – 9:00am
Virtual Zoom Meeting

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8:00	Welcome & Introductions	Matt Keadle
8:03	Approve Minutes	Matt Keadle
8:05	Listening Session – Urban Loading and Delivery	Iftin Thompson Planning Dept.
9:00	Adjourn	Matt Keadle

Next Meeting Date:

Bethesda TMD Advisory Committee: Friday, July 16, 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 – No Meeting, Bike Shops and Virtual Challenges

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, January 15, 2021
Minutes**

Voting Members Present: Matthew Keadle, Deirdre Robinson, Amanda Smith, Meagan Sexton, David Storper

Non-Voting Member Present: Deborah Michaels, Jim Carlson, Capt. Sean Gagen, Derrick Harrigan

Guests Present: Joana Conklin, MCDOT, Matt Johnson, MCDOT

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

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM. New Committee Member Meagan Sexton was introduced. Ms. Sexton is serving as The Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce representative.

Minutes

The Committee reviewed the Minutes from the November 20, 2020 Advisory Committee Meeting.

Presentations/Updates

Joana Conklin from MCDOT gave committee members an update of the **BRT/Flash bus** service, which included photos of the buses and stations.

- BRT Flash buses have been running on RT 29 since October 2020. The Viers Mill and MD 355 routes are in preliminary design.
- MD 355 route will be along Rockville Pike/Wisconsin Avenue and will vary in where the buses travel depending on the space available. In downtown Bethesda the buses will most likely not have dedicated lanes, they will be mixed with traffic, but this is still being studied.

.Matt Johnson from MCDOT provided a **Capital Crescent Trail Surface Route** update with design images and photos.

- The route includes two way separated bike lanes on Woodmont and Bethesda Avenues, across Wisconsin Avenue to Willow Lane.
- Construction from November 2020 through Spring 2021.

- Construction updates and photos are on Twitter.
- The community asked for MCDOT to extend the corner of Woodmont and Bethesda Avenues for pedestrian safety, and there will be an all pedestrian/bicyclist traffic signal phase.
- Question from Committee – Will there be No Right Turn on Red at Woodmont and Bethesda Avenues? Answer – Yes.
- Question – Will there be No Right Turn on Red in all of downtown? Michael Paylor at MCDOT is looking at this, we don't have an answer yet.

Jeff Burton provided a **Bethesda Streeteries** update.

- County Council provided funding to the Regional Services Centers to set up winterized Streeteries. Bethesda is the only urban area that has used that money to add rented tents, heaters and lights.
- There are 4 tents (15X60) on Norfolk Avenue and one tent (30X30) in Veterans Park. Federal Realty is managing the Streeteries on Woodmont and the restaurants are putting up tents with heaters on their own.
- The County requires one side must be open, but BUP opens two sides.
- Current hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11am-10pm, with BUP crew opening and closing the tents and cleaning the tables and chairs after each use. They are popular with diners.

Kristen Blackmon reminded the Committee that Commuter Connections is asking for nominations for the regional **Employer Awards**. Employers with outstanding employee transportation programs that started pre-COVID are encouraged to apply. Brandan Stuckey at BTS can help employers with that online nomination process.

Kristen Blackmon informed the Committee that **Bike to Work Day** will most likely look very different this May 21, due to COVID restrictions. BTS is working with Commuter Connections and MCDOT to plan a slightly different event, but still allow cyclists to register and pick up their free shirts.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the virtual meeting ended at 9:00am.