



TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 7:00 PM

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Minutes

1. Call to Order – 7:00 PM

a. Roll Call

i. Present: Kathleen Kleinmann (Chair), Emily Bailey, Doug Ierley (joined later), Marc Plante, Ying Wong.

ii. Absent: Jude Abanulo, Mike Stein

iii. Bill He resigned.

b. Recognition of staff and guests

i. Councilmember David Myles

ii. Bryan Barnett-Woods, Department of Public Works

iii. Paul Scott, submitted an expression of interest to join the Traffic and Transportation Commission.

He is a current king farm resident, the vice chairman of board of trustees for King Farm Citizens Association, and former PTSA vice president at Richard Montgomery High School.

c. Review and modifications of current agenda – none.

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d. General announcements by Chairperson and Commissioners

- i. T&T Commission member can and should speak to the Mayor and Council regarding any issue. If the issue is transportation related, please note that comments are not on behalf of the Commission.
- ii. MDOT has an ongoing ADA accessibility and sidewalk project along Rockville Pike (MD 355) The designs for this project will be completed in June.
- iii. Gov. Wes Moore added \$500M to the transportation budget. It is not clear exactly where funds will be allocated.

2. Staff reports, data, and updates – 7:15 PM

a. Traffic and Transportation Division Monthly Report

i. Ongoing projects and work

1. Pedestrian master plan is ongoing.
2. Town Center Road Diets project has begun construction and major construction will begin in March.
3. Sidewalk feasibility study is ongoing. The completed concept report should be completed in February. Public outreach is the next step.
4. Ongoing grant projects
 - a. MD Bikeways grants agreements were approved by the M&C
 - b. The Transportation Alternatives Program grant agreement is expected to be received by MDOT at the end of January.

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- c. Monroe and Fleet Complete Streets feasibility study is ongoing.
 - d. Beall Avenue protected intersections feasibility study is ongoing.
 - ii. Questions for T&T Division Monthly Report
 - 1. There are no floating bus stops currently in Rockville. The County is developing standards for floating bus stops.
 - 2. The pedestrian counters are expected to be here this year. T&T will provide suggestions regarding locations.
 - 3. Montgomery County shared the preliminary design plans for the BRT with Rockville Department of Public Works. The plans are not yet in the public domain.

3. Code Language for T&T Commission Roles and responsibilities – 7:35 PM

- a. The T&T Commission requests additional time to review the draft document.
- b. It is recommended to stick with the name “Transportation and Mobility Commission.”
- c. Replacing “traffic” with “mobility” helps broaden the scope of the commission beyond motor vehicle transportation.
- d. The draft code needs to be updated to revise the Commission’s advisory role in naming bridges.
- e. The Commission can submit comments for discussion at the next meeting.

4. City Budget – Commission Discussion and Recommendations – 7:55 PM

- a. City Priority Survey (link at top of budget web page) - <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/951/Budget-Financials>

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- b. Proposed FY 24 Budget released – 2/17/2023
 - c. The Commission is more involved in City governance and aware of transportation issues that their ideas and suggestions are well received by the Mayor and Council. The Commission should submit comments for the FY 24 budget. Individuals may also submit their own recommendations.
 - d. First public hearing – 3/6/2023
 - e. All infrastructure projects should consider multimodal mobility and equity.
5. Comprehensive Transportation Review (CTR) – Commission Discussion and Recommendations – 8:00 PM
- a. The CTR is designed to review transportation adequacy for development applications.
 - b. The subcommittee include Doug Ierley, Marc Plante, and Mike Stein.
 - c. Next steps for subcommittee
 - i. The subcommittee should draft questions for the Traffic and Transportation Division staff
 - ii. The subcommittee will meet on 2/13/2023 with Faramarz Mokhtari over the next month to learn about the CTR.
 - d. Website –
<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/2173/Comprehensive-Transportation-Review>
 - e. PDF of document –
<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/457/Comprehensive-Transportation-Review?bidId=>
6. Review of November 29, 2022, meeting minutes, and vote for approval – 8:10 PM

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MOTION: – Doug Ierley moved to approve the November meeting minutes; SECONDED: Ying Wong; DISCUSSION: None; APPROVED: Kathleen Kleinmann, Emily Bailey, Doug Ierley, Ying Wong; ABSTENTION: Marc Plante

7. Old and New Business – 8:20 PM

- a. RPAC initiated Summit on State Road/Sidewalks maintenance – Discussion and Recommendations
 - i. Planning Commission has new commission chair, Andrea Nunez
 - ii. Bus Rapid Transit may have impact on the summit, fund 33 may have impact as well.
 - iii. It is important to address what jurisdictions and agencies are responsible for fixing sidewalks on state roadways.
 - iv. It is also important to note that MDOT SHA has moved to improve roadways, e.g., Old Georgetown Road.

- b. Letter regarding LPis, Yield Signage, and right-turn-on-red was drafted, signed, and submitted to the Mayor and Council.

8. Adjournment – 8:25 PM

9. Next regular meeting – February 28, 2023

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