



MEETING MINUTES TRANSPORTATION and MOBILITY COMMISSION

Kathleen Kleinmann, Chair

Commissioners

Jude Abanulo
Emily Bailey
Jeffrey Ganz
Douglas Ierley

Marc Plante
Paul Scott
Mike Stein
Shui-Ying Wong

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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<https://rockvillemd.webex.com/webappng/sites/rockvillemd/recording/ddfa161edbeb103bbacf46eaa861b5db/playback>

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

a. Roll Call

- i. Present – Kathleen Kleinmann, Jude Abanulo, Emily Bailey, Jeffrey Ganz, Marc Plante, Paul Scott, Mike Stein, Ying Wong
- ii. Absent – Doug Ierley
- iii. Staff – Craig Simoneau, Bryan Barnett-Woods
- iv. Guests – Kate Fulton

b. Review of March 2023 meeting minutes, and vote for approval

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MOTION: Paul Scott moved to approved the March 2023 minutes; SECOND: Jeffrey Ganz; DISCUSSION: None; APPROVAL: Unanimous.

- c. Review of April 2023 meeting minutes, and vote for approval

MOTION: Jeffrey Ganz motioned to approved the April 2023 minutes; SECOND: Paul Scott; DISCUSSION: none; Approval: Emily Bailey, Mike Stein, Jeffrey Ganz, Jude Abanulo, Paul Scott Kathleen Kleinmann; Abstention: Marc Plan, Ying Wong.

- d. Review and modifications of current agenda
- e. General announcements by Chairperson and Commissioners

The TMC Chair noted that she was struck by a vehicle on April 13, 2023. While there was no injury, this raises concern that pedestrians are very vulnerable and face many hazards as pedestrians. Another commissioner noted that her daughter was also involved in a crash that did not include an injury, but still experienced stress.

Anytime a crash occurs, regardless of injury, a report should be filed with the Police.

Paul Scott notified the TMC that he is running for City Council. Kate Fulton is also running for City Council.

Bryan Barnett-Woods received the Maryland Municipal League and County Association Employee of the Year Award.

2. Staff updates

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- a. Traffic and Transportation Division Monthly Report
 - i. Ongoing projects and work
 - ii. Questions for T&T Division Monthly Report
 1. Quarterly meetings with the MDOT SHA are progressing well. The last meeting was in April, intersection safety audits were discussed. The MDOT SHA intersection report and memorandum of action will be available in the fall. Staff will include the next set of intersection in the Safe Streets and Roads for All application.
 2. Staff has also indicated a plan to request further speed limit reductions along Baltimore Road.
 3. A no right turn on red was placed at Maryland Avenue and East Middle Lane as a response to a pedestrian crash and a reported near misses.
 4. Repairing state road sidewalks will require changes at the legislative changes. City staff have spoken with other jurisdictions with similar issues related to the state maintaining state roadway sidewalks. MDOT SHA has an ongoing project to repair some sidewalks on MD 355.
 5. There is no consistency in the sidewalks built along MD 355 and MD 28. These are built by development. MDOT SHA issues the permit for the construction. Maintenance requests should be sent to MDOT SHA. Adjacent property owners do not have responsibility for these sidewalks once they are accepted by the jurisdiction.
 6. Staff has applied for and received funds from WMCOG to develop crosswalk guidelines. These guidelines would provide more guidance for the

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city to implement crosswalks. This project will start in the fall.

7. The TMC should help advocate with the City about a bill for the state to maintain their sidewalks. This should be prepared in the fall.

b. Legislative process

- i. The City has a staff person to help advocate for state bills to support.
- ii. The County has a similar staff person who identifies which transportation bills passed/failed.
- iii. The TMC can invite City staff to do this as well.

c. ADA Specialist

- i. The City has hired a new ADA Specialist. She started in in the spring.
- ii. The TMC will invite her to a future meeting.

d. Transportation Alternatives Program grant application letter of support

MOTION: Mike Stein moved to approve the letter of support for the Transportation Alternatives Program grant. SECOND: Jeffrey Ganz; DISCUSSION: None; APPROVAL: Unanimous

e. Maryland Bikeways Network Program grant application and letter of support

MOTION: Paul Scott moved to approve the letter of support for the Maryland Bikeways Network program. SECOND: Jeffery Ganz; DISCUSSION: None; APPROVAL: Unanimous

3. Vision Zero Program Quarterly Update – 7:35 PM

a. Discussion and Questions

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b. M&C presentation:

https://rockvillemd.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=4692 (presentation begins at 0:31:00)

c. Staff indicated that recent sidewalk feasibility studies have had resident opposition and support. The Pedestrian Master Plan includes discussion regarding recommendations for sidewalks on both sides or one side of a street.

4. Zoning Ordinance Update Project – 8:05 PM

a. Documents to review – Zoning Ordinance:

https://library.municode.com/md/rockville/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CICO_CH25Z00R

b. The Zoning Rewrite Project is still in the beginning of the process. Once a consultant is on board, they will present to the TMC.

c. Introduction video:

<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/849/Zoning>

5. Development Application – 900 Rockville Pike

a. This development has been in the process for years. The development applicant will be attending RBAC and RPAC meetings on June 7 and June 8m respectively.

b. There is concern that the requirements from approved city plans may impact detrimentally the amount and quality of development. Is the City's Vision practical for the ability of properties to redevelop?

c. Has the City studied how plans impact development capacities?

6. Old/New Business – 8:25 PM

a. Please send CTR Comments to staff regarding suggestions for the upcoming subcommittee meeting.

b. There will be an exclusive agenda item meeting in the future.

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7. Adjournment

- a. Next regular meeting – June 27, 2023. This meeting will be in-person.
- b. RBAC meeting – June 7, 2023
- c. RPAC meeting – June 8, 2023
- d. CTR Subcommittee meeting – June 12, 2023

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