



NOTICE OF MEETING TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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Minutes

1. Call to Order – 7:00 PM
 - a. Roll Call –
 - i. Members Present: Kathleen Kleinmann, (Chair), Jude Abanulo, Emily Bailey, Doug Ierley, Sarah Morgan, Ying Wong
 - ii. Members Absent: Bill He, Marc Plante, Mike Stein
 - b. Recognition of staff and guests
 - i. Mayor Bridgette Newton
 - ii. Council Liaison – Councilmember David Myles
 - iii. City Staff – Bryan Barnett-Woods, John Foreman, Faramarz Mokhtari, Nelson Ortiz
 - c. Review of April 26, 2022 meeting minutes, and vote for approval

MOTION: Doug Ierley moved to approve April 2022 meeting minutes; SECONDED: Emily Bailey; DISCUSSION: none; APPROVED: Unanimously

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- d. Review and modifications of current agenda - none
- e. General announcements by Chairperson and Commissioners
 - i. Chair Kleinmann had attending the City of Rockville 'Ride of Silence,' a bicycle ride to commemorate bicyclists who have been killed in traffic crashes.
 - ii. Chair Kleinmann met with Mayor Newton to discuss role of Traffic and Transportation Commission. Mayor Newton emphasized Commission's role to improve the City.
 - iii. Chair Kleinmann will meet with Councilmember Myles in June to discuss budgeting process.
 - iv. Commissioner Ierley attended Planning Commission meeting

2. Staff reports and updates – 7:10 PM

- a. RPAC Monthly Crash History
 - i. Five deaths have occurred in Montgomery County since January 1, 2022. Montgomery County Families for safe streets will host a memorial.
 - ii. RPAC crash history report is shared.
- b. Traffic and Transportation Division Monthly Report
- c. Grants update
 - i. City continues to submit grant applications for transportation programs. Two Applications in progress for the Kim Lamphier Maryland Bikeways Network program.

MOTION: Doug Ierley moved to support the Maryland Bikeways application for a feasibility study and preliminary

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design of bicycle lanes for Martins Lane. SECONDED: Ying Wang. DISCUSSION: none; APPROVED: Unanimously

MOTION: Emily Bailey moved to support the Maryland Bikeways application for Pedestrian and Bicycle Counters. SECONDED: Doug Ierley. DISCUSSION: none; APPROVED: Unanimously

ii. The City is exploring the various grant opportunities that are part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. There are two upcoming grants; the Safe Streets and Roads for All program, and the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program. Information for both programs are available online:

1. <https://www.transportation.gov/SS4A>
2. <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/reconnecting-communities#:~:text=The%20program's%20funds%20can%20support,mobility%2C%20access%2C%20or%20economic%20development>

3. Development Applications and Traffic Studies – 7:40 PM

a. T&T Commission's role in Development Applications and in Genera – Doug Ierley

i. Commissioner Ierley presented an overview of T&T Commission responsibilities and proposed future steps to further engage on development applications as well as need for additional orientation and education.

b. Overall Process – Famararz Mokhtari and John Foreman discussed a high level summary of the T&T Commission's involvement in the development process.

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This will be supplemented by further Commission orientation and training. This training will include the Comprehensive Transportation Review (CTR), parking, plan conformance, mitigation efforts, recommendations, etc.

- c. 15931 Frederick Road Development
 - i. Faramarz present staff findings of proposed mitigation efforts. Staff recommends mitigation for traffic and applicant has agreed to these recommendations.
 - ii. Issues raised by T&T Commission:
 - 1. Keep existing trees as feasible on Metro Access Road and Sommerville Drive
 - 2. Add street lighting to Metro Access Road
 - 3. Maintaining buffer along Frederick Rd (MD 355).

MOTION: Doug Ierley moved to submit written comments to the Planning Commission to recommend approval of the traffic mitigation efforts and the development and to submit comments related to keeping existing trees as feasible and including street lighting on Metro Access Road. SECONDED: Sarah Morgan; DISCUSSION: none; APPROVED: In favor – 4; Opposed – 1; Abstention – 1

- d. Upcoming Development Projects – Nelson Ortiz & Faramarz Mokhtari
 - i. Nelson Ortiz and Faramarz Mokhtari introduced the mixed-use development propose for 1818 Chapman, at the corner of Chapman Avenue and Thompson Avenue

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- ii. The review of traffic study for this case is ongoing. The development applicant will present the traffic study and mitigation efforts at the June T&T Commission meeting. An invitation to the meeting will be extended to the Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee. Staff will share the completed traffic study review one-week prior to the presentation.

4. Upcoming Transportation Projects – 8:45 PM

a. Rockville Metro Station Concept Design Study

- i. The Planning Department is managing a project to develop a concept to redevelop the Rockville Town Center Metrorail Station.
- ii. There are four concepts and the project team is developing criteria to rank individual concepts.
- iii. T&T Commission will identify a position on the concepts once the ranked scores are identified.

b. Twinbrook Pedestrian Bridge – Faramarz Mokhtari

- i. The contractor proposals for 100% designs for a pedestrian bridge in the Twinbrook neighborhood that crosses the rail tracks have been submitted and reviewed.
- ii. Once the contractor official starts and completes significant milestones, a presentation will be made to the T&T Commission for comments.

5. T&T Commission Activities Spreadsheet – 8:55PM

- a. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1geHYg-siViCYdgwlrV_NJA4ZVmT3-Hnh0XP3-U4WdEY/edit#gid=0

6. Old Business – 9:00 PM

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- a. Middle Lane Road Diet
 - i. Construction bid has been advertised. Project expected to begin in summer and completed in early 2023.
- b. Rockville Pedestrian Master Plan
 - i. Project is ongoing
- c. Vision Zero Updates
 - i. May 2022 update posted to website
 - ii. Presentation to Mayor & Council planned for August 2022.

7. New Business – 8:20 PM

- a. Environment Commission
 - i. The July 2022 Environment Commission will include a presentation on electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- b. FY 23 Budget update
 - i. Budget Highlights
 - 1. We have a new LED Streetlight Conversion CIP to replace city-owned and maintained high pressure sodium (HPS) streetlights (approximately 3,200) with more energy efficient, light-emitting diode (LED) luminaires. Conversion of city streetlights to LED is action M-02 of the energy efficiency category of the city's Climate Action Plan. \$1M will be available in FY 2023 to fund the conversion of about 2,000 streetlights.
 - 2. Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety CIP will receive \$100K in FY 2023 in addition to \$200K added at the end of FY 2022. The project will fund

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the implementation of higher priority bikeway facilities recommended in the 2017 Bikeway Master Plan, intersection improvements associated with the Vision Zero Action Plan, completion of accessibility/amenity improvements to 78 bus stops, and the Scott-Veirs Drive shared-use path feasibility study.

3. The Sidewalks CIP will receive \$200K FY 2023 in addition to \$600K added at the end of FY 2022. The project will fund construction of sidewalks on W. Gude Drive, Potomac Valley Road, and other sidewalks identified by residents and RPAC (you can mention the list we recently added to the CIP sheet).
4. Funds were added in May 2022 to the Twinbrook Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge CIP to go for a full design (instead of just a feasibility study). The design is expected to start this summer.
5. There are also funds available in the CIP to design the Stonestreet Improvement CIP and the construction of the Road Diet CIP in FY 23.
6. In addition, the operating budget includes funds to maintain and operate the traffic signals, flashing beacons, and streetlights owned by the City.

8. Adjournment – 9:15 PM

- a. Next regular meeting – June 28, 2022
 - i. This will be a hybrid, virtual/in-person meeting

Minutes prepared by: Bryan Barnett-Woods

Reviewed by: Kathleen Kleinmann

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