



## Minutes

### Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board (WMCCAB)

January 17, 2022, 7:00 pm

1. Welcome – Kristen Nelson, Chair - 7:05 p.m.
2. Attendance
  - a. CAB Members Present: Nancy Abeles, Michael Chiswick-Patterson, Gary Fahle, Matt Herrmann, Elizabeth Kellar, Stacey Kohl, Katya Marin, Brendan McKay, Troy Murtha, Kristen Nelson, Jennifer Rostami, Janet Shatz, Vashti Van Wyke, George Wolfand.  
CAB Members Not Present: Angela Bradley  
CAB Members Excused: Timur Edib, Mark Rittenberg  
Regional Services: Pete Fosselman, TJ Dant  
Speakers: Joseph Moges, Assistant District Engineer, Maryland State Highway Administration; Matt Johnson, Capital Project Manager, Montgomery County Department of Transportation  
Other Guests: Joy Champaloux, Paul Ellis, Laurie Edberg, Matt Higgins
3. Board voted unanimously to approve December 2022 minutes.
4. Board voted unanimously to approve a letter of recommendation for selection of Mr. Kevin Finn and Dr. Thomas Clash to the Bethesda Transportation Management District Advisory Committee.
5. Guest Speakers
  - a. Joseph Moges, Assistant District Engineer, Maryland State Highway Administration; Matt Johnson, Capital Project Manager, Montgomery County Department of Transportation  
  
CAB members asked Mr. Moges and Mr. Johnson questions about the decision-making, construction, and use of the new bike lanes on Old Georgetown Road between Beech Avenue and Rockville Pike.  
  
Members raised issues including the apparent lack of public participation about this project, EMS lane use, alternate bike route consideration, budget, and the confusing traffic flow on

Old Georgetown Road caused by the bike lanes.

The speakers noted: Additional lane marking is still coming, the local speed limit will be reduced from 40 mph to 35 mph along Old Georgetown, and an evaluation study will be conducted. SHA will make more effort to reach out to the community.

Members of the public also submitted questions via the chat feature in Teams.

b. Peter Fosselman, Director of Regional Services

Postponed. Due to the long discussion about Old Georgetown Road, Mr. Fosselman will present a discussion about the roles of Regional Services, the CAB, and other organizations at a future meeting.

6. Reports

a. Bethesda Urban Partnership (BUP) – Katya Marin

- Savor Bethesda Restaurant Week will be taking place this year February 16-26.
- BUP continues to work on a new strategic plan

b. White Flint Downtown Advisory Board/Pike District Partnership – Matt Herrmann

- February 23 kickoff at AMP for the new Pike District Partnership
- Work continues on ARPA-H advanced agency in Bethesda

c. North Bethesda Rapid Transit – Nancy Abeles

- Montgomery County Department of Transportation has selected White Flint North as the eastern terminus. Work continues on the Build Alternatives Analysis study.

d. Peter Fosselman, Director of Regional Services

- Updated the CAB on needs for renovations to the Regional Services Center building including failing structures, needed reorganization, and dilapidated interiors.
- Noted the creation of the Friendship Heights Alliance to support development in that neighborhood.

e. TJ Dant, Urban District Manager

- Noted upcoming events, including the 2<sup>nd</sup> district police meet and greet on January 31.

7. New Business

- a. Purple Line event: Gary Fahle noted that The B-CC Purple Line Community Advisory Team (CAT) meeting will be held on Tues., Feb. 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

8. Public Forum

- a. CIP budget: Joy Champaloux from Councilmember Glass’s office noted that the County Executive has just released the FY24 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget.
- b. Recycling: Paul Ellis from Councilmember Stewart’s office noted that the County has expanded the single-family residential food recycling program to parts of Bethesda and Silver Spring.

9. Adjourn by unanimous consent – 8:55 p.m.

Officers and Staff

Chair: Kristen Nelson  
Secretary: Mark Rittenberg

Vice Chair: Vashti Van Wyke  
Chair Emeritus: Katya Marin

Regional Services Director: Peter Fosselman

Urban District Manager: Thomas Dant

Communities

Bethesda - Cabin John - Chevy Chase - Friendship Heights - Garrett Park  
Glen Echo - North Bethesda - Pike District – Potomac – Rockville - Twinbrook