

**Friendship Heights  
Transportation Management District  
Advisory Committee  
March 13, 2018**

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**Voting Members**

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| Barbara Condos (Vice Chair) | Town of Somerset                                      |
| Elizabeth Demetra Harris    | Friendship Heights Village                            |
| Christopher Itteilag        | Somerset House Management Association                 |
| John Mertens                | Friendship Heights Village                            |
| Manuel Ochoa                | Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights |
| Charles Simpson             | Chevy Chase Village                                   |

**Non-Voting Members**

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| Sandra L. Brecher | MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services |
| Katie Mencarini   | M-NCPPC                                       |

**TMD Staff**

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| Nakengi Byrd | MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services |
| Jim Carlson  | MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services |

**Absent**

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| Tiffany Anderson (Chair) | Chevy Chase Land Company            |
| Charles Crerand          | CBRE Asset Services/Wisconsin Place |
| Joe Dixon                | GEICO                               |
| Chief John Fitzgerald    | Chevy Chase Village Police          |
| Kenneth Hartman          | B-CC Services Center                |
| Afua Ofori               | Polinger Co./Large Employer         |

**Guests**

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| Wade Holland     | MC CountyStat              |
| Julian Mansfield | Friendship Heights Village |
| Stephanie Webber | Sharp & Co.                |

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**Item 1, 2 & 3 – Introductions/Minutes/Chair Comments:** Vice Chair **Barbara Condos** called the meeting to order. Members and guests introduced themselves. Meeting minutes were tabled and there were no Chair comments.

**Item 4 – Presentation, “Vision Zero”:** **Wade Holland**, Montgomery County CountyStat Office, briefed the Committee on Vision Zero.

Vision Zero has six principles:

- Traffic-related deaths and severe injuries are preventable and unacceptable
- Human life takes priority of mobility and other objectives of the road system – roads should be safe for all users and all modes of transportation
- Human error is inevitable, but the transportation system should be designed to anticipate and mitigate error to reduce severe injury and death
- People are inherently vulnerable, and vehicle speed is a fundamental predictor of crash survival

- Safe behaviors, education and enforcement are all essential to a safe system
- Policies and practices at all levels of government need to align in making safety the highest priority for roadways

Montgomery County's goals through Vision Zero:

- By 2019 - Reduce severe and fatal accidents by 35%
- By 2024 – Reduce severe and fatal accidents by 70%
- By 2030 – Zero severe and fatal accidents

Discussion:

- Distracted drivers not stopping at crosswalks – videotaped police stings, not enough police to give cite every violator
- Midblock crossings signal - yield signs are not as effective as flashing beacons
- Autonomous vehicles not included in Vision Zero plan – suggestion to be plan proactively for the impact of autonomous vehicles
- Ridesharing not included in Vision Zero plan; however, it is an issue due to illegal stopping causing traffic backups
- Rear-end fatal vehicle crash at Sommerset Terrace & Wisconsin Avenue - No Left Turn arrow at intersection late nights, light stays red
- TLC Grant for bike infrastructure education and discussion on information outreach to the community – videos other collateral materials
- Most fatalities are from single vehicle crashes, making causation and prevention education difficult – engineering fixes still available such as guardrails
- State Highway Administration (SHA) to install right green arrow for cars turning on red at Wisconsin Circle and Wisconsin Avenue intersection

**Item 5 – Employer Traffic Mitigation Plan Annual Reports:** The Committee approved recommendations for Washington Eye Physicians and Surgeons, and Microsoft.

**Jim Carlson** reported that the County Executive's meeting with the County's boards and committees will be Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm at the Executive Office Building in Rockville.

**Item 6 – TMD Marketing Outreach: Stephanie Webber** announced that her team is gearing up for Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Manuel Ochoa** suggested the Committee write a letter of support for the BRT system in anticipation that it could at some point be extended to the Friendship Heights area. He will circulate a draft for Committee input.

**Item 7 – Updates: Sande Brecher** announced:

- Driver issue resolved regarding the Mobile Commuter Store schedule – now scheduling two stops a day
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Montgomery County GreenFest is May 5<sup>th</sup> at Jessup Blair Park in Silver Spring
- Commuter Services website is being redesigned – Committee feedback requested

**Item 8 – Around the Room:** Friendship Heights Village Manager **Julian Mansfield** reported insufficient lighting at two midblock crossings on Willard Avenue; although the crosswalk at Whole Foods was measured with a light instrument and found to be adequate, the crossing further west at Shoemaker Farm Lane requires follow up.

**Adjourn: Next meeting May 8, 2018**