

**Silver Spring
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
May 11, 2017**

Item 1 & 2 – Introductions/Minutes/Chair Comments: Chair **Jim Bunch** called the meeting to order and members and guests introduced themselves.

Item 3 – Parking Lot District Update: **Jose Thommana**, Division of Parking Management, reported on parking efforts in the Silver Spring TMD. The generated revenue is put into the Parking Lot District (PLD) which funds transit initiatives inside the TMD. Also discussed:

- Silver Spring parking rates are one of the lowest in the County at .70 an hour
- Montgomery Hills will be combined with Silver Spring parking rates.
- Before the tax rate was zero, the PLD received \$8 million in funds; now all funding comes from revenue - PLD funds that were transferred to other County jurisdictions can be deferred for a year, but the total must be returned in a six-year time frame.
- Fund transfers occur to maintain account threshold requirements.
- The Council decides how PLD funds are spent via the Committee's recommendation's during the budget process.
- Discussion regarding parking reduction due to development such as United Therapeutics and Studio Plaza.
- Discussion on streamlining payment methods for mobile phone and credit cards. However, weak underground signal prevents mobile service – garage upgrades in lot 58 & 29 to include more payment options where there is no cashier.

The Committee discussed having a unified and varied payment system to reduce on-street parking and prevent drivers circling looking for a space having cheaper rates in garages. Also discussed:

- On-street parking is short-term and preferred by businesses in the area; longer term is in garages
- How variable pricing controls driver behavior by decreasing parking in congested facilities and increasing in underutilized areas.
- In addition to the Mobile Now mobile phone payment system, there is Park Mobile cell payment service
- The mobile wallet (\$20 loaded for prepayment) rates are lower than one time purchases due to credit card transactions; however, unused funds are returned with Mobile Now.
- The Committee discussed the traffic impacts and the need to involve the community and businesses in the development of the new sports arena – parking spaces will not be removed without adequate compensation.
- Maintenance upkeep of parking facilities with power washing conducted twice a year – maintenance issues or concerns can be directed to MC311.

The Committee discussed the relocation of M-NPPCC headquarters to Wheaton and its effects on parking in the area. The 14-story LEED Platinum building will have only 35 of 160 parking spaces available during construction which starts June 5th. Also included in the project is an underground parking garage with the public spaces as the first priority; however, there will be employee parking available and a pending agreement with nearby WMATA

garage for monthly parking once security issues are solved. There is no agreement regarding parking with nearby Wheaton Mall.

Also discussed:

- It is more economical to park by the day than to buy a monthly garage convenience sticker – garage is for daily long term parking for the entire month, but parking by the day is cheaper because it's not every day. The monthly garage parking is for payment convenience of once a month.
- County Council sets parking rates using the Fees, Fines and Fares Resolution, which allows for a public comment period.

Item 4 – Employer TMP Annual Reports: The Committee voted to recommend 12 employer TMP annual reports.

Item 5 – Final Silver Spring TMD Performance Report: Ms. Brecher distributed the reports to voting members.

Item 6 – Updates: Sgt. Kerry Moore discussed the following:

- High visibility enforcement details were conducted in April to educate about distracted driving.
- Pedestrian sting conducted at the midblock crosswalk on Georgia Avenue at Fenwick.
- Click It or Ticket campaign is in effect during May to combat decreasing seat belt usage.
- Discussion regarding hazardous crossing conditions at the midblock crossing on Georgia Avenue at Cameron. This crossing is a good candidate for a flashing beacon signal.
- **Reemberto Rodriquez** reported that on May 21st 12-5pm, there will be Taste of Fenton event.
- **Kojo Nnamdi** re-recording of immigration presentation that was held at the Silver Spring Library.

Ms. Brecher announced the following:

- Bike to Work Day May 19th 6:30am-9am
- City Cycling Class May 20th at 10am: \$10 registration
- Bicycle Master Plan meetings scheduled for June
- **Mr. Rodriquez** asked that events be submitted to the www.silverspringdowntown.com website where they will be posted

Adjourn: Next meeting June 8, 2017

**Silver Spring Transportation Management District Advisory Committee Attendance Sheet
May 11, 2017**

Voting Members (12)			
Name	Affiliation	Present	Absent
Chamber Members (3)			
Chris Kabatt	Wells + Associates	X	
Michael Meszaros	Digital Industry, Inc.		X
Juanita Stewart	The Peterson Companies		X
Citizens Advisory Board Members (3)			
Jim Bunch / Vice Chair	Kemp Mill, Four Corners, East SS	X	
Phil Olivetti	North & West Sector Plan Area	X	
Randall McLeod	CBD Resident	X	
Employers less than 50 employees (3)			
Valerie Spencer	MayaTech	X	
Vacant			
Wendy Melis	SWANA	X	
Employers with 50 or more employees (3)			
G. Michael Price	Discovery Communications	X	
Adenia Bradley	Southern Management		X
Vacant			
Non-Voting Members (3)			
Sandra Brecher, DOT-Commuter Services	MCDOT Director or Designee	X	
Katie Mencarini	M-NCPPC	X	
Reemberto Rodriguez	Silver Spring Regional Center	X	
Sgt. Kerry Moore	Montgomery County Police	X	
Staff			
Nakengi Byrd	MCDOT-Commuter Services	X	
Jim Carlson	MCDOT-Commuter Services		X
Guests			
Christine McGrew	M-NCPPC	X	
Caterina Ore	Van Eperen & Co	X	
Harriet Quinn	4-Corners Resident	X	
Jose Thommana	MCDOT	X	