

SSUDAC Meeting Summary
July 30th, 2020

Members Present: Diana Brown, Jay Elvove, David Fogel, Aaron Kayce, Michael Larson, Mel Tull

Members Absent: Mussie Betre, Carmen Camacho Thomas Kaufmann, Jane Redicker, Juanita Stewart

Call to Order and Introductions:

- The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m.

Police Briefing & Crime Report

Montgomery County Police, Third District

- Police reported an increase in COVID-19 exposures and indicated that additional closures were possible.
- Thefts from vehicles have slightly increased, with thirteen reported within the last month.
- Also reported were two robberies, with one arrest made, and an incident of shoplifting at the East-West Highway Giant grocery store.

Update on Budget

Taman Morris, OMB

- Mr. Morris discussed the updates to the operating budget made due to COVID-19. All Urban Districts received the same cut to their budgets.
- Despite a cut of \$100,000 to the Silver Spring Urban District budget, Mr. Morris reported that the Urban District appeared to be in good financial shape.
- FEMA and other Federal funding may be utilized to pay for additional shift differential pay for SSUD staff.

Parking Lot District Status

Jose Thommana, Director, Parking Lot District

- The Silver Spring Urban District is primarily funded through the Parking Lot District funds. Mr. Thommana reported that the PLD budget has been adjusted to account for new decreased revenue figures due to COVID-19.
- PLD revenues for FY20 were reduced by approximately 20%.
- Mr. Thommana stated that a possible PLD rate increase could be approved that would soften the revenue loss.

Vision Zero

Wade Holland, Vision Zero Coordinator

- Mr. Holland presented the Vision Zero program to the committee as an effort by the County to improve pedestrian safety and reduce serious vehicle collisions by 40% by 2030.
- A small proportional uptick in vehicular crashes and DUIs has occurred during the COVID-19 response and shutdown.
- Street dining areas have been utilized in the Urban District and other County areas during the pandemic.

Silver Spring Urban District Report

Crystal Ruiz, Operations Manager, Silver Spring Urban District

- Ms. Ruiz gave an update on Silver Spring Urban District operations. Most front-line staff have returned to the office and are following implemented office healthy and safety protocols.
- The Silver Spring Civic Building is available for COVID-19 testing for the public.
- Foot and car traffic have seen an increase since initial post-COVID quarantine levels. Urban District staff have responded accordingly with scheduling and cleaning adjustments.

Silver Spring Director's Report

Reemberto Rodriguez, Regional Director, Silver Spring Regional Area

- Mr. Rodriguez provided a brief update on the progression of census data collection and encouraged all in attendance to respond if they have not.
- The Purple Line construction continues despite disputes between the contractors and the State of Maryland. The closure of the Spring St. bridge and Bonifant St. is the next phase of construction affecting traffic flow and business access.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.