



NOTICE OF MEETING TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Kathleen Kleinmann, Chair

Commissioners

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Emily Bailey	Marc Plante
Hua "Bill" He	Mike Stein
Douglas lerley	Shui-Ying Wong

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM

WebEx Meeting - Join from the meeting link:

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Agenda

1. Call to Order (7:00 – 7:10)
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Recognition of staff and guests
 - c. Review of January 25, 2022 meeting minutes, and vote for approval
 - d. Review and modifications of current agenda
 - e. General announcements by Chairperson and Commissioners
2. City Staff reports and updates (7:10 – 7:15)
3. Introductory comments by Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee (RPAC) (7:15-7:30)
4. Introductory comments by Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee (RBAC) (7:30-7:45)
5. Discussion of common interests and goals of T&T Commission, RPAC, and RBAC (7:45-8:00)
6. Working Committee Report (8:00-8:15)
 - a. Discussion of Commission resolution and responsibilities
7. Old Business (8:15-8:20)
8. New Business (8:20-8:30)
 - a. SHA letter, re: Veirs Mill Rd and Dodge Street
9. Adjournment
 - a. Next regular meeting – March 22, 2022

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**Traffic and Transportation Commission
Minutes
WebEx Meeting No. 1-22
Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 7:00 PM
(TO BE REVIEWED AT FEBRUARY 22, 2022 MEETING)**

Commissioners Present: Emily Bailey, Hua “Bill” He, Douglas Ierley, Kathleen Kleinmann, Sarah Morgan, Marc Plante, Mike Stein, Shui-Ying Wong

City Staff: Emad Elshafei, Craig Simoneau, Bryan Barnett-Woods, Daniel Seo

Guests: Judy Rudolph, Bridget Newton, David Myles

1. Organizational Review

- a. Chair Kleinmann called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- b. Attendees introduced themselves and the Commission welcomed new Commissioner Sarah Morgan.
- c. Mr. Elshafei thanked Commissioner Stein for his leadership last year as a chair and announced a transition for the staff liaison role from Daniel Seo to Bryan Barnett-Woods.
- d. Chair Kleinmann reviewed the membership terms of Commissioners with expiration dates in 2022.
- e. The Commission reviewed.

MOTION: Approve the November 30, 2021, meeting minutes. Passed unanimously.

- f. Chair Kleinmann review the Commission’s goals for 2022: 1) Revise Resolution Ordinance Nos. 3-79 & 27-05, 2) Meet at

least quarterly with RPAC & RBAC, and 3) Explore ways to become more data driven.

- g. Chair Kleinmann asked Commission members to consider revision of Commission goals through the city code or the Resolutions.
- h. General Announcements: Commissioner Kleinmann shared information on Families for Safe Group and announced that the County's Flex Ride is suspended again.

2. Staff Report and Updates

- a. Mr. Daniel Seo, Principal Transportation Engineer, stated that the staff's monthly report has been sent out.
- b. Mr. Bryan Barnett-Woods, Principal Transportation Planner, reviewed Montgomery County's Predictive Safety Analysis Tool.

3. Old Business

- a. Revision of the Commission's Resolutions
 - 1. Mr. Craig Simoneau, Director of Public Works, advised that the Commission could add its roles to the city code instead of modifying the resolutions.
 - 2. A working Committee established, including Commissioners Stein, Ierley, Plante and Bailey.
 - 3. Committee will meet on February 8, 2022.sp
- b. Collaborations with mobility related groups and activities in Rockville, Montgomery County, and State Government
 - 1. The Commission discussed possible collaborations with mobility related groups.
 - 2. Commissioners Ierley, He, and Morgan volunteered to check Montgomery County meetings online and report back the topics.

4. New Business

- a. Proposed State and Federal Legislation review

1. Chair Kleinmann shared spreadsheet State pending bills and the State's Safe Roads Act.

- b. Synthesis of Pedestrian Policies for Rockville document dated 7/2008: Mr. Bryan Barnett-Woods explained that the pedestrian policy would be updated as part of the Rockville Pedestrian Master Plan in spring.
 1. Relationships with Rockville internal media regarding the Commission work: Mr. Emad Elshafei, Chief of Traffic and Transportation, stated staff could work with the City's Public Information Office.

5. Future Agenda Planning

- a. The Commission discussed future agenda items.
- b. Chair Kleinmann suggested a couple of possible agenda items for the February meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

February XX, 2022

Maryland State Highway Administration
District 3 Office
9300 Kenilworth Ave, Greenbelt, MD 20770

SUBJECT: Pedestrian Safety at the intersections of Veirs Mill Road (Route 28) and Dodge Street and Route 355 & Richard Montgomery Drive in Rockville, Maryland

Dear XX

On behalf of the Traffic and Transportation Commission of the City of Rockville, the Twinbrook Community Association, the Hungerford Civic Association, the Rockville Bike Advisory Committee, and the Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee, we are writing to request that SHA review the signage, lighting, and pedestrian and bicycle safety features at the intersections of Veirs Mill Road (Route 28) with Dodge Street, as well as, Route 355 and Richard Montgomery Drive, in Rockville, Maryland. These intersections are frequently used by residents, visitors, students, and others to cross to/from the east and west sides of Rockville to access the Rockville metro station, St. Mary's Church, Rockville Town Center, and Richard Montgomery High School. Large portions of the Twinbrook neighborhood are too close to Richard Montgomery to be served by the school bus and must therefore cross Veirs Mill and/or 355 - two state highways - to get to school.

Residents are concerned that current pedestrian and bicycle safety infrastructure (signage, crosswalk striping, lighting, etc.) are lacking and insufficient to keep our residents safe. For example, not every crosswalk aligns with median in the road, making it difficult for a pedestrian to judge adequate walking time to cross before cars arrive. This can be treacherous with geography issues (Route 355 and Route 28 intersection and hills), distracted drivers, and high speeds (despite the 30-mph speed limit on Route 28).

We ask that the state review all current pedestrian and bicycle safety efforts at these intersections and recommend the following:

1. Ensure crosswalks and islands align.
2. Add pedestrian and bicyclist activated flashing yellow lights at the crosswalk.
3. Conduct a traffic speed study. The current posted speed limit is 30 mph, but the road is clearly designed to support much faster speeds. Should the study find average higher rates of speed on the road, we would ask that the state look into traffic calming measures to reduce average speeds to the posted speed limit.
4. Conduct a feasibility study on adding pedestrian bridges over these intersections.

If these safety measures are implemented, these intersections will provide safe and convenient access to jobs, shopping, school, and transit that all Rockville residents, visitors, and students deserve. We ask that SHA provide an update on this review and our recommendations by August 31, 2022.

If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact XX, Senior Transportation Engineer, via email at email or via telephone at 240-XXX.

Sincerely,

Nancy Breen, Chair
Rockville Bike Advisory Committee

Eric Fulton, Chair
Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee

Kathleen Kleinmann, Chair
Traffic and Transportation Commission

Mike Stein, President
Twinbrook Community Association

Patti Westenberg
Hungerford Civic Association President

Resolution No. 3-79

RESOLUTION: To Amend Resolution No. 3-76, to Delete the Qualification that One Member be from the Economic Development Council and One from the Civic Improvement Advisory Commission

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, that Resolution No. 3-76 be, and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville recognize the serious traffic congestion and other traffic problems in the City, and the need for more adequate traffic and transportation planning and control and

WHEREAS some areas in the City are suffering from the encroachment of heavy and speeding automobile traffic and

WHEREAS an intra-city bus system, with connections to the metro rail transit system, may be considered by the Council or by Montgomery County to alleviate automobile congestion and

WHEREAS it is recognized that a coordinated effort is needed to integrate and plan all aspects of a transportation system to serve the needs of Rockville citizens at a cost the citizens can afford;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland that a Traffic and Transportation Commission be and the same is hereby created, the same to be composed of nine members appointed by the Mayor with the concurrence of the Council with the Chairman to be selected by the Mayor from among its members. [One member of the Commission shall be selected from the membership of the Economic Development Council and another from the membership of the Civic Improvement Advisory Commission.] Some members of the Commission may be selected from civic associations representing neighborhoods with special traffic and transportation problems. All other (not excluding those above) members of the Commission should have experience and knowledge of traffic, highway or transit operations. The term of membership shall be two years, or until their successors take office. Five members are to be appointed every even year and four members every odd year.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission shall:

1. Advise the Planning Commission and the Mayor and Council as appropriate regarding all modes of transportation. The Commission should further concern itself with the interaction of the various modes of travel and work toward the establishment of a sound balance of transportation in the City so that the movement of people and goods becomes safe, convenient and beneficial to all concerned.
2. Review actions on citizens complaints and requests concerning traffic control and transportation needs and make recommendations on requests referred directly to the Commission;
3. Advise the Mayor and Council as appropriate to take full advantage of Federal funds available;

4. Advise the Planning Commission on transportation planning within and outside the City of Rockville.
5. Advise the Planning Commission on the traffic impact of proposed zoning changes and new commercial developments within the City;
6. Advise the Planning Commission on transportation and on street parking matters affecting the flow of traffic which come under the review of the Planning Commission;
7. Assist the Mayor and Council in mobilizing all possible support to persuade County and State officials of the high priority that should be placed on the planning and funding of needed highways, interchanges, bridges, and traffic signals, not under the jurisdiction of the City;
8. Make recommendations concerning the establishment and operation of public transit service within the City; and
9. Advise the Planning Commission concerning the establishment, location and development of Transit Impact Zones and in the planning needed to adequately prepare for efficient use of Metro and Metro stations.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to effectively use the skills of the Traffic and Transportation Commission:

1. Unless it is deemed necessary for timing purposes, the Mayor and Council shall take no action related to traffic and transportation unless the referral is accompanied by review and comment by the Traffic and Transportation Commission:
2. The Planning Commission and other City bodies are requested to refer matters with a traffic and transportation impact in the City to the Traffic and Transportation Commission for advisory comment; and
3. At the staff level, appropriate activities, such as planning and police traffic control activities, will be referred for comment to the Traffic Engineer or to the staff person assigned to serve the Traffic and Transportation Commission.

NOTE: [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing Resolution

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed by the Mayor and Council of Rockville at its meeting of March 5, 1979.