



MINUTES OF MEETING TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 7:00 PM

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Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - a. Roll Call - Members Present: Jude Abanulo, Doug Ierley, Kathleen Kleinmann (Chair), Bill He, Emily Bailey, Sarah Morgan, Mike Stein, Ying Wong. Excused: Marc Plante
 - b. Staff and guests: David Myles, Bryan Barnett-Woods, Nancy Breen
 - c. Review of January 25, 2022, meeting minutes, and vote for approval – 7:06pm

**MOTION: Mike Stein moved to Approve January 2022 Meeting Minutes Stein, SECONDED: Bill He
DISCUSSION: None; APPROVED: Unanimously**

- d. Review and modifications of current agenda
 - e. General announcements
 - i. Chair Kleinmann shared follow-up information regarding status of city bridges. Only Hurley Avenue bridge designated a “poor” condition at inspection; Montgomery County conducted initial repairs were made, and further repairs are included in the City’s Capital Improvement Plan. Chair Kleinmann reported Mayor presented comments to the County Council regarding BRT project. Text available.

ii. Sarah Morgan reported on Montgomery County council candidates meeting and County Executive Transportation Forum related Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. Reported on Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) and Montgomery County presentation of bicycle plan. WABA is seeking additional organization to sign in support <https://waba.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/MoCo-Equitable-Bikeways-Proposal-WEB.pdf>

2. City Staff reports and updates (7:10 – 7:15) 7:16

- a. Baltimore Road - Project on-going, but postponed
- b. N. Stonestreet Avenue - RFP process
- c. Twinbrook Pedestrian Bridge – RFP process
- d. Pedestrian Master Plan project website is active online and Chair Kleinmann requested that the Pedestrian Master Plan Survey be sent to other commissions.
- e. T&T Division staff submitted Transportation Land Use Connection Grant application for a Complete Streets Feasibility study along Monroe and Fleet Streets. Also, supporting State Legislative items in support of HB 656 - Safe Roads for All Act of 2022 and HB 254 – Vision Zero Implementation Act of 2022. Chair Kleinmann requested Commission members volunteer to monitor topics and groups. A list will be created for sign up.
- f. T&T Division staff working with MDOT SHA to identify sidewalk maintenance issues for sidewalks along state roadways. Some of these sidewalks may be applicable to the Fund 33 ADA/Accessibility program.
- g. Public works still will continue its city-wide sidewalk assessment in the spring

3. RPAC chair presentation moved to 3/22/2022 meeting.

4. Presentation Introductory comments by Dr. Nancy Breen representing Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee (RBAC).

- a. Research has shown that as more bicyclists are on the road, there are fewer crashes/fatalities for all modes.
 - b. MD 355, this is the only complete north-south surface route through Rockville. RBAC and T&T will collaborate to study on the Bike/ped accommodations for MD 355.
 - c. Collaboration opportunities: Request for consistent destination and distance signage; request dedicated staff for obtaining grants funding, promote multimodal transportation, study MD 355, BRT on MD 355/586.
 - d. PowerPoint slides will be sent to Commission.
5. Discussion of common interests and goals of T&T Commission, RPAC, and RBAC.
 6. Working Subcommittee Report – brief update, next working meeting is scheduled for 3/2/2022, 7:00pm
 7. Old Business - The Mayor and Council have prepared supporting testimony for the Safe Roads Act and Vision Zero Implementation Act
 8. New Business (8:20-8:30) – 8:29
 - a. SHA letter, re: Veirs Mill Rd and Dodge Street.
 - i. This is a letter that has been reviewed by RBAC, RPAC, T&T, and the City Manager’s Office regarding roadway safety improvements for the intersection of Veirs Mill Rd and Dodge St.

MOTION: Doug Ierley moved to accept the letter circulated

SECOND: Ying Wong

DISCUSSION: none; APPROVED: Unanimously

- b. Chair Kleinmann introduced four documents for future discussion:

- i. Potential guidelines for the T&T Commission Chair to make a decision in consultation with individuals between meetings;
- ii. Operating guidelines for voluntary commissions;
- iii. MDOT state highway plan; and
- iv. Gov. Hogan pedestrian and bicycle grant announcement.

9. Chair Adjourned at 8:47pm. Next regular meeting – March 22, 2022.

Submitted by: Bryan Barnett-Woods

Reviewed by: Kathleen Kleinmann