

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

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Background

On the 17th Day of December 2013, St. Mary's County Government adopted an ongoing Transportation Advisory Committee to serve in an advisory capacity for planning service and policy changes to St. Mary's Transit Systems services. The committee includes representatives of human service agencies, municipal and county government, private transportation providers, the business community, current customers, and the community at large, including individuals with disabilities.

The Transportation Advisory Committee will provide the Commissioners of St. Mary's County with transit related information and assistance concerning public transportation with respect to preparation of the St. Mary's County Transit Development Plan, Planning of service and policy changes for Locally Operated Transit Systems and coordination among specialized transportation providers. This Committee also serves as advocates for the community regarding public transportation.

Membership

Laura Carrington
Thomas Rogers

Term Expiration

06/30/2025
06/30/2025

***Ex-Officio* Members with Unlimited Terms**

George Clark
Maryland
Kevin Corrigan

Trace Allen Hall
Jessica Richards

Bill Roberts
Elizabeth Iampieri

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St. Mary's County DSS
NAS Patuxent River
St. Mary's Nursing Center
Tri County Council of
Southern Maryland
St. Mary's College
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St. Mary's County Boards, Committees, Councils & Commissions

ATTENDANCE ROSTER 2022

BOARD: Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

	JAN	March**	APRIL	JULY	OCT
Meeting Date	1/19/2023	3/30/2023	4/20/2023	7/20/2023	10/19/2023
Quorum (Y/N)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
MEMBERS					
Laura Carrington - Chair	A	P	P	P	P
Thomas Rogers - Vice Chair	P	P	P	P	P
INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATION					
Rowena Bossio	P	P	P	P	P
Leon Carrington	P	P	P	P	A
George Clark	P	P	P	P	A
Ben Cohen*	P	A	P	P	A
Kevin Corrigan	P	P	P	A	A
Trace Allen Hall	P	A	A	P	A
William Hill	P	A	P	P	P
Yolanda Hipski*	P	P	P		
Elizabeth Iampieri	P	A	A	A	A
Terry Kerns	P	A	P	A	P
Karly Maltby					P
Laschelle McKay	P	P	P	A	P
Leo Paglierani	P	A	A	P	A
Bill Roberts	A	A	A	P	A
Jessica Richards				P	P
Alec Young*	P	A	P	A	A
DESIGNATED STAFF ADVISOR					
Allison Swint	P	P	P	P	P
TECHNICAL ADVISOR					
Vacant					
STAFF SUPPORT					
Courtney Jenkins	A	P	P	A	A

* Not currently a member.

** Special Session

P=Present

A=Absent

Committee Activities

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is committed to fulfilling its Public Activity functions, per the Committee ByLaws. TAC activities for CY23 fall under each of the four functions.

Function 1 - Preparation of the St. Mary's County Transit Development Plan: County Transportation requested TAC review the results of a public survey completed by their consultant, J. Brudis and Associates, and analyze the requested transportation projects therein to advise the County on which project to include in an updated Countywide Transportation Plan. TAC created a Subcommittee that was tasked with carrying out this effort. The Subcommittee met from May to October 2023, and spent much of that time classifying projects, categorized as bike lane project, road improvements and more, by time frame and feasibility, under the guidance of Director Jim Gotsch. The Subcommittee then selected three to five projects of each category and ranked them by importance. The complete, ranked list was sent to Director Gotsch in November of this year.

Function 2 - Planning of service and policy changes for Locally Operated Transit Systems: Beginning in July, 2022, the TAC created a Subcommittee to draft and execute a public transportation survey. The survey, was completed on behalf of STS to assess the public's attitude toward public transportation in St. Mary's County, and determine what and if any changes could be made to STS operations to fill in the service gaps expressed by respondents. The Survey Subcommittee successfully carried out the survey from February 2023 to April 2023, receiving 150 responses. The results, including recommended actions, were analyzed and compiled in a formal report.

Function 3 - Coordination among specialized transportation providers: TAC did not send a representative to the October Regional Transportation Coordination Committee in October of 2023, but STS staff members were present with representatives of 20 other organizations, where all discussed various challenges and developed dialogue. TAC hopes to be involved in the future in assisting the various county entities that provide transportation services to better serve their customers.

Function 4 - Advocacy for the community regarding public transportation: TAC leadership met with various organizations during and outside of the execution of the Transportation Survey to discuss transportation access in the community and various other transportation-related improvements. Members of the St. Mary's Outreach group attended the April meeting and provided public comment. The Commission on Aging developed recommendations for improvements to the STS website and met with STS staff to discuss and implement changes. This action was also one of the Survey Subcommittee's recommendations stemming from the transportation survey.

Accomplishments

TAC membership increased again in CY23. Members of the Committee routinely made themselves available to join subcommittees, attending additional meetings and external functions to carry out the subcommittee business. The TAC continues to establish relationships with our community partners to further address the transit needs of the residents of St. Mary's County. There has been action on one of the recommendations of the Transportation Survey report. TAC hopes to build on this and other accomplishments in the coming year.

Problems and Challenges Encountered

The TAC had one No-Quorum meeting in October, the first in over a year. Despite this, TAC's Subcommittees remained active and completed their assigned tasks, providing valuable information to the greater body.

Future Plans

The committee will continue to fulfill Article III of the *Bylaws of the Transportation Advisory Committee of St Mary's County*. In the short term, TAC is compiling development goals to accomplish or work towards in CY24. Currently on the list of goals is implementation of the recommendations of the Survey Subcommittee.