Transportation Advisory Committee (Thursday, April 20, 2023)

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Members present

Laura Carrington, Thomas Rogers, William Hill, George Clark, Yolanda Hipski, Laschelle McKay, Kevin Corrigan, Leon Carrington, Rowena Bossio, Ben Cohen, Courtney Jenkins, Alec Young, Terry Kerns Also present: Allison Swint

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL Roll Call: A. Roll Call

3. PRESENTATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES January 19, 2023 minutes were approved via email.

4. OFFICER REPORTS

5. OLD BUSINESS Discussion: A. TAC Subcommittee Ridership Survey task updates

6. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: A. Countywide Transportation Plan Update Task Force

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. ADJOURN Action: A. Meeting Adjourned I move to adjourn the meeting at 2:06PM.

Motion by Kevin Corrigan, second by George Clark. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Laura Carrington, Thomas Rogers, William Hill, George Clark, Yolanda Hipski, Laschelle McKay, Kevin Corrigan, Leon Carrington, Rowena Bossio, Ben Cohen, Courtney Jenkins, Alec Young, Terry Kerns ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION James M. Gotsch, P.E. Director



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Monday, April 20, 2023 Transportation Advisory Committee Survey Subcommittee

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:00PM

2. ROLL CALL

A. Roll Call

1:01PM – Roll is called

Members present: Rowena Bossio, Ben Cohen, Leon Carrington, George Clark, Kevin Corrigan, William Hill, Yolanda Hipski, Courtney Jenkins, Laschelle McKay, Terry Kearns, Alec Young, Thomas Rogers, Allison Swint, Laura Carrington

3. OFFICER REPORTS

A. Chairman/Vice Chairman Report

1:03PM – Chair delivers Officer Report

B. Staff Report

1:03PM – Terry Kearns delivers Staff Report

Discussion stems from the report with contributions from Allison Swint, Laura Carrington, and George Clark

1:06PM – George Clark alerts Chair to mistake in delivered meeting agenda

1:07PM – George Clark makes motion to approve of Committee agendas ahead of the TAC meetings, as the minutes are

Kevin Corrigan seconds the motion

1:07PM – Chair asks question regarding staff report Terry Kearns provides input

- 1:08PM Chair announces motion to approve Committee Agendas is carried Yolanda Hipski suggests there should be a vote on the motion
- 1:08PM County Liaison administers the vote The 'Ayes" have it and the motion is carried

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. TAC Subcommittee Ridership Survey task updates

1:09PM – Chair delivers remarks on updates to the Transportation Survey Subcommittee survey and forthcoming report

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Countywide Transportation Plan Update Task Force

1:10PM – Chair delivers recap on Special Session with DPW&T and Brudis & Assoc., including plan to carry out their requested task of project prioritization

1:12PM – Chair suggests changing TAC meeting frequency to monthly until task is complete

1:12PM – George Clark asks DPW&T Director for timeline for task completion

Director shares guidance and remarks on completion of the project prioritization task

1:13PM – George Clark offers to share draft of St. Mary's Strategic Highway Safety Plan with Brudis & Assoc. consultants

DPW&T agrees to accept the draft Plan when it is available as it will be of use to their consultants and assist in grant funding

1:14PM – Chair proposes additional options for more meetings

George Clark provides input regarding the suggestion

1:15PM – George Clark asks TAC members for input regarding additional meetings

Discussion stems with input for Laschelle McKay and Kevin Corrigan, TAC Chair and County Liaison

1:18PM – Chair requests motion to establish new Subcommittee to take on the task of prioritizing projects

1:18PM – Leon Carrington gives remarks concurring that additional meetings are needed, preferably on a monthly basis

1:19PM – Leon Carrington makes motion to move forward with monthly meetings by either Subcommittee or additional TAC meetings

1:19PM – Chair clarifies the motion is to move forward by creating a Subcommittee and provides rationalization

1:20PM – Leon Carrington and George Clark concur on the clarification of the motion

Leon Carrington supplies the motion to move forward with monthly Subcommittee meetings to complete the task of project prioritization on behalf of DPW&T

Laschelle McKay seconds the motion

1:21PM – George Clark suggests virtual format for the Subcommittee meetings, and then supplies motion; Leon Carrington seconds the motion

Vice Chair Thomas Rogers provides input and commits to joining the new Subcommittee, with the exception its first meeting

Chair Laura Carrington also agrees to join the new Subcommittee

1:23PM

 Chair calls roll call vote to establish the new Subcommittee to take on the task of reviewing the DPW&T consultant questionnaire and suggesting project prioritization from the comments and results

The 'Ayes': George Clark, Leon Carrington, Laschelle McKay, Kevin Corrigan, Ben Cohen, Yolanda Hipski, William Hill, Thomas Rogers

None opposed, the 'Ayes' have it and the Subcommittee is established

1:24PM – Chair calls vote establish monthly virtual meetings for the new Subcommittee, the first to occur May 16 at 4:00PM

1:24PM – The 'Ayes' have it, the Subcommittee meeting schedule is established

1:25PM – County Liaison advises Committee that Subcommittee meetings will still be run from Room 14 to comply with the Open Meetings Activity

1:25PM – George Clark asks Director of DPW&T his preference for being notified of the activities of the new Subcommittee

Director leaves it to the discretion of the Committee

1:26PM – Chair asks Director of DPW&T clarifying questions regarding the distribution of the data the new Subcommittee is to review

Discussion stems from the question with input from the DPW&T Director, George Clark, Kevin Corrigan, Thomas Rogers and TAC Chair

1:35PM – Chair asks Director of DPW&T about status of funded projects referenced in the J. Brudis & Associates presentation given in the 3/30 Special Session

Director of DPW&T briefs committee on aforementioned projects

1:39PM – Chair asks Director of DPW&T if these projects are to be considered alongside the requested improvements in the questionnaire that the new Subcommittee is to consider

Director informs Chair that there is no need to consider the aforementioned projects as they are already funded or on their way to being funded

1:40PM – TAC member Alec Young, Community Planning Liaison delivers remarks on cyclist and driver safety along Rte. 235 and stresses need for separation of cyclists from main flow of traffic

1:41PM – George Clark asks if a solution similar to bicycle safety apparatus installed at the Rte. 6 / Three Notch Trail crossing might be considered

1:42PM – DPW&T Director provides insight into the suggestion, including current drawbacks of the new addition to the Rte. 6 / Three Notch Trail crossing

1:48PM – Alec Young continues remarks, stressing the unsafe nature of Rte. 235 pedestrian crossings

Discussion stems, with contributions from George Clark and the Director of DPW&T

1:49PM – TAC Chair inquires about the status of construction on the FDR extension project

Discussion stems with input from DPW&T Director and George Clark

1:50PM – TAC Chair restates the current roster of the new SubCommittee to take on the task of reviewing the DPW&T consultant questionnaire and suggesting project prioritization from the comments and results

Discussion stems from the statement with input from Leon Carrington and George Clark

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next Meeting July 20, 2023 5pm
- 1:53PM Chair announces next TAC meeting
- 1:53PM TAC Chair begins adjournment proceedings

1:53PM – Kevin Corrigan motions to adjourn the meeting, but TAC Chair is notified by County Liaison of community member Kevin Detwiler seeking public comment

1:54PM – Community Member Kevin Detwiler provides public comment on the importance of access to public transportation for persons with disabilities Discussion stems from public comment with input from George Clark

1:59PM – Yolanda Hipski addresses Kevin Detwiler's remarks by providing information about Wheels to Wellness, Roundtable Discussions between healthcare transportation entities and the community, the Senior Rides program and other related transportation programs

George Clark provides additional commentary

2:05PM – TAC Chair apologizes to Kevin Detwiler for not recognizing him for public comment

7. ADJOURN

- A. Meeting Adjourned
- 2:06PM Chair acknowledges Kevin Corrigan's motion to adjourn the meeting George Clark seconds the motion

The meeting is adjourned