

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (AACTC)

Minutes for Meeting held October 11th, 2023

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Members in Attendance	Members Absent
Chair van Andel John Spencer Claudia Barber George Donohue Brandi Francis (representing Jennifer Jackson) Jon Korin Venus Williams	Gina Gibson Dr. Pamela Brown Derek Kent Amy Gowan
Public in Attendance	County & State Staff in Attendance
Sharon Smith - Partners in Care Chad Jones	Sam Snead – AACo Transportation Tanya Asman - AACo Transportation Brian Ulrich – AACo Transportation Crystal McGill-Belk - AACo Transportation Andy Diehl - AACo Transportation Daniel Allen - AACo Transportation

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair van Andel.
2. Roll Call: Eight of the twelve commissioners were present, constituting a quorum for conducting business.
3. Minutes from the September meeting were approved as amended. Mr. Korin made the motion to approve and Mr. Spencer seconded.
4. **Staff Updates**
Information Items
 - a. Mr. Ulrich highlighted upcoming calendar meetings for the group. There are many virtual public meetings in October for county schools that are part of the Safe Routes to Schools grant program.
 - b. Ms. Asman highlighted images and details of an event at Folger-McKinsey Elementary School that taught children how to safely bike and walk on roads.

- c. There is an MDOT CTP tour meeting scheduled for November 14th at 2pm.
- d. Ms. Asman informed the group that the County received a 300k grant to perform 10 more accessibility studies at nearby elementary and middle schools.
- e. The county received \$6.4 million from the TAP program for the construction of the BWI trail spur extension that is currently in design.
- f. Mr. Spencer encouraged the group to look at elementary schools in their local neighborhoods to offer comments and support for sidewalk plans and Safe Routes to School Projects.
- g. Mr. Ulrich displayed county transit ridership numbers for the group.

5. **Vision Zero Update**

- a. Ms. Asman explained progress of the Vision Zero plan to reduce traffic fatalities and crashes. Ms. Asman displayed an online Vision Zero dashboard that is still in development. The dashboard includes a map of crash data and is not yet available to the public.
- b. Data comes from the Maryland State Police and is updated daily. The dashboard allows you to sort and filter by different crash locations and parameters. The dashboard is still a work in progress.

6. **Board Discussion Items**

Transit Development Plan

- a. Dan Dalton and Fred Fravel from KFH group, a consultant for the county, presented information on the TDP for the commission.

Key Takeaways:

- b. The Transit Development Plan examines where transit services are in the county, performs needs assessments, and discusses proposed service alternatives. The TDP is a short-range, 5 year plan.
- c. The completed plan serves as a guide for implementing service and organizational changes, improvements, or expansions.
- d. MDOT MTA requires locally operated transit systems to use the TDP as the basis for annual grant applications.
- e. Needs assessments are made through performing:
 - Community surveys
 - Rider surveys
 - Stakeholder and staff input
 - Demographic analysis
 - Review of current plans and studies
- f. The draft of the TDP is still in the works, and members of the transportation commission will be given the opportunity to provide input. Chair van Andel sent out an email with links to the TDP draft in early October.
- g. 70% of respondents to a survey said they are not aware of Anne Arundel County Transportation services. 83% of respondents said that they feel there is a need for additional or improved public transportation services in Anne Arundel County.
- h. Upcoming capital projects for the county include:
 - Odenton MARC Garage
 - Transportation Operations Facility
 - Parole Transportation Center
 - Arundel Mills Bus Shelter Enhancements

7. **Task Force for Underserved Populations**

- a. Because of time constraints, this segment was postponed until the November meeting.

8. Open Forum

- a. Mr. Donohue asked about the status of the letter from the Transportation Commission to the MDTA about the Bay Crossing Study. Chair van Andel asked the County Office of Transportation to send the letter to the State Department of Transportation.

9. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm. The next meeting will be held on November 8th, 2023 at 6:30pm, and will be a hybrid online/in person meeting.