



Meeting Minutes

Riders' Advisory Council

February 23, 2023

6:00 PM via Zoom

In Attendance:

Riders / Public

Larry May
Durteha Smith
Jorge Tirigall
Jacquie Sentell
Astamay Curtis
Marlene Hendler

RTA Staff

Ryan Mayers
Josh Drucker
Preston Reed
Jason Quan

Partner Staff / Commissioners

Will Sutton, KFH Group (Guest)

1) RTA Announcements: Introduction of New RAC Staff Coordinator / Announcement of RAC Chair and Vice-Chair

- a. Preston Reed and Joshua Drucker opened the meeting by introducing Ryan Mayers as the new Planning and Special Projects Manager with RTA and the new RAC Staff Coordinator.
- b. Mr. Mayers shared his appreciation for the warm welcome and began the meeting by announcing the new RAC Chair, Larry May and Vice Chair, Jorge Tirigall.

2) Incoming Vehicles

- a. Mr. Mayers announced that RTA has procured eleven (11) new fixed route transit buses and nine (9) paratransit buses (cutaways).
- b. A handful of buses have been delivered to RTA but must go through a full inspection and configuration process before being placed in revenue service.

3) Upcoming Service Change – Route 301

- a. Mr. Mayers presented a brief overview of the proposed service changes to Route 301.
 - i. Effective Sunday, March 5th, 2023, Baltimore Ave / Cherry Lane stop will no longer be served.

- ii. Stops between 2nd St /Bowie Rd and Cherry Ln / Ashford Blvd will no longer be served by the inbound route to Towne Centre Laurel but will continue to be served along the outbound route (across the street) toward South Laurel Drive.

4) Howard County Transportation Development Plan (TDP) Update

- a. Mr. Will Sutton, Senior Transportation Planner with KFH Group is the Lead Project Manager on the Howard County TDP. Mr. Sutton provided a detailed presentation to the RAC on the updates and progress of the TDP.
- b. RAC members provided questions and engaged in a productive dialogue to gain further knowledge on the impacts this plan will have on future mobility options within Howard County.
- c. Mr. Sutton and Mr. Reed invited the RAC to provide their comments and feedback on the TDP and provided a link to a survey for RAC members to participate in.

5) Meeting Adjournment at 7:00 PM

6) Future Meeting Dates:

- a. The Central Maryland Transportation & Mobility Commission (CMTMC) Meeting
Tuesday, March 28th, 2023, 1:00PM (meetings.transitRTA.com/CMTMC)
- b. Riders' Advisory Council (RAC) Meeting
Thursday, June 1st, 2023, 6:00PM (meetings.transitRTA.com/RAC)