



Meeting Minutes

Riders' Advisory Council

June 8, 2023

6:00 PM via Zoom

In Attendance:

Riders / Public

Larry May
Jorge Tirigall
Jacquie Sentell
Astamay Curtis
Marlene Hendler

RTA Staff

Ryan Mayers
Preston Reed

Partner Staff / Commissioners

Will Sutton, KFH Group (Guest)
Carrie Anderson-Watters, Howard
County OOT

1) RTA Announcements

- a. Mr. Jorge Tirigall has formally announced his resignation as Vice Chair of the Riders Advisory Council due to the increased commitment needed for his new full-time employment position.
- b. Mr. Ryan Mayers, along with the RAC shared their appreciation for Jorge's service as Vice Chair and look forward to him continuing to serve the RAC in other capacities.

2) Approval of February 23rd Meeting Minutes

- a. Mr. Larry May moved to approve the minutes from the February 23rd RAC meeting. Ms. Astamay Curtis seconded the motion.

3) Delivered Vehicles

- a. Mr. Mayers announced that RTA has procured eleven (11) new fixed route transit buses and nine (9) paratransit buses (cutaways).
- b. These vehicles are now in full revenue service.

4) Upcoming Service Update – Routes 405/505

- a. Mr. Mayers presented a brief overview of the service update to Routes 405 and 505.
 - i. Effective Sunday, July 9th, 2023, RTA will expand service into Catonsville with Route 505 and restructure Route 405 to provide local service within Ellicott City.
 - ii. Route 505 is a new route providing service to Columbia, Ellicott City and Catonsville. The new Route 505 will provide expanded access to employment opportunities, shopping centers, healthcare/schools, and connections to MTA and CityLink service at Catonsville Walmart.
 - iii. Route 405 will be restructured to provide local service within Ellicott City. It will retain many of the same stops as the current 405. Transfers will be available to Route 505 for connections to Columbia, Catonsville, Pine Orchard Apartments, Goodwill, and Renaissance Hills Apartments.

5) 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. Mr. Sutton noted that the TDP is currently in the System Alternatives stage of the planning process and should be in final draft form by the end of June.
- c. RAC members provided questions and engaged in a productive dialogue to gain further knowledge on the impacts the system alternatives will have on future mobility options within Howard County and surrounding areas.
- d. Mr. Sutton was incredibly open to feedback and considered many of the RAC members comments and suggestions in this current stage of the planning process.

6) Meeting Adjournment

- a. Mr. May moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05PM (EST), and it was seconded by Ms. Curtis.

7) Future Meeting Dates

- a. The Central Maryland Transportation & Mobility Commission (CMTMC) Meeting
Tuesday, June 20th, 2023, 1:00PM (meetings.transitRTA.com/CMTMC)
- b. Riders' Advisory Council (RAC) Meeting
Thursday, September 7th, 2023, 6:00PM (meetings.transitRTA.com/RAC)