



Informational Meeting Notes

**Riders' Advisory Council
September 14, 2023
6:00 PM via Zoom**

In Attendance:

Riders / Public

Jorge Tirigall

RTA Staff

Ryan Mayers
Preston Reed
Cole McCarren

Partner Staff / Commissioners

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

1) RTA Announcements

- a. A quorum was not met at the September 14, 2023 meeting. No business decisions were made. This gathering was conducted as an informational meeting.
- b. On August 30, 2023, Larry May formally announced his resignation as Chair of the Riders Advisory Council via email due to a new full-time employment position.
- c. Mr. Ryan Mayers, along with the RAC shared their appreciation for Larry's service as Chair and look forward to him continuing to serve the RAC in other capacities. Mr. Mayers will meet with RTA staff to discuss a plan for moving forward regarding the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

2) Update on Routes 405 & 505

- a. As of Sunday, July 9th, 2023, RTA expanded service into Catonsville with Route 505 and restructure Route 405 to provide local service within Ellicott City.
- b. Mr. Mayers delivered an update on Routes 405 & 505. Both routes have been received well by the public. Route 505 has received exceptional feedback for the extension of service to Catonsville.

3) Bus Annunciators

- a.** Mr. Mayers provided an update on the installation of bus annunciators on the fixed-route fleet. All fixed route buses are equipped with new LED sign boards that state bus announcements including stop requests and door opening and closing notices.

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.
 - i.** Mr. Sutton noted that the TDP is currently in the finalization stages of the plan.
- b.** Participants on the call 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.
- c.** 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.

5) Meeting Adjournment

- a.** Mr. Mayers adjourned the meeting at 6:45PM (EST).

6) Future Meeting Dates

- a.** The Central Maryland Transportation & Mobility Commission (CMTMC) Meeting
Tuesday, September 26th, 2023, 1:00PM (meetings.transitRTA.com/CMTMC)
- b.** Riders' Advisory Council (RAC) Meeting
Thursday, November 9th, 2023, 6:00PM (meetings.transitRTA.com/RAC)