



St. Mary's County Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) 2021 Annual Report

Background

On the 17th Day of December 2013, St. Mary's County Government adopted an ongoing Transportation Advisory Committee to serve in an advisory capacity for planning service and policy changes to St. Mary's Transit Systems services. The committee includes representatives of human service agencies, municipal and county government, private transportation providers, the business community, current customers, and the community at large, including individuals with disabilities.

The Transportation Advisory Committee will provide the Commissioners of St. Mary's County with transit related information and assistance concerning public transportation with respect to preparation of the St. Mary's County Transit Development Plan, Planning of service and policy changes for Locally Operated Transit Systems and coordination among specialized transportation providers. This Committee also serves as advocates for the community regarding public transportation.

Membership

Term Expiration

Laura Carrington - Chair	06/30/2022
Thomas Rogers - Vice Chair	06/30/2022
Guy Bradley - Secretary	06/30/2024

Ex-Officio Members with Unlimited Terms

George Clark	Tri County Council of Southern Maryland
Kevin Corrigan	St. Mary's County DSS
Karen Gardner	Center for Life Enrichment
Sabrina J. Hecht	NAS Patuxent River
Melinda Lyon	St. Mary's Nursing Center
Yolanda Hipski	Tri County Council of Southern Maryland
Bill Roberts	St. Mary's College
Lisa Lemke	Pathways, Inc
Laschelle McKay	Leonardtown Council

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ATTENDANCE ROSTER 2021

BOARD: Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

	JAN	APRIL	JULY	OCT
Meeting Date	1/28/2021	4/15/2021	7/15/2021	10/21/2021
Quorum (Y/N)	Y	Y	Y	Y
MEMBERS				
Laura Carrington - Chair	P	P	P	P
Thomas Rogers - Vice Chair	P	P	P	P
Guy Bradley - Secretary - July 2021 Appointment	N/A	N/A	P	P
INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATION				
George Clark - Tri County Council of Southern Maryland	P	P	P	A
Kevin Corrigan - St. Mary's County DSS	A	A	P	P
Karen Gardner - Center for Life Enrichment	A	A	A	P
Sabrina Hecht - NAS Patuxent River	P	A	?	P
Yolanda Hipski - Tri County Council of Southern Maryland	P	A	A	P
Lisa Lemke - Pathways, Inc.	A	A	A	A
Melinda Lyon - St. Mary's Nursing Center	P	P	P	P
Laschelle McKay Leonardtown Council	P	A	A	A
Bill Roberts - St. Mary's College	P	A	P	P
DESIGNATED STAFF ADVISOR	P	P	P	P
Allison Swint				
TECHNICAL ADVISOR				
Vacant				
STAFF SUPPORT				
Courtney Jenkins				

* Not currently a member.

P=Present

A=Absent

Committee Activities

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), like many other boards and commissions, has suffered setbacks in its efforts to promote transit ridership and other goals by the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The committee has continued efforts in the past year to increase participation and attendance as the effects from the pandemic lessen and a recovery process commenced. Board participation has improved. To increase participation, the TAC moved the location of the meetings to the Chesapeake Building Commissioner's Meeting Room. Utilizing the equipment in the chambers, the meetings are now recorded both aurally/visually and posted to the St Mary's County YouTube channel.

Accomplishments

The TAC continues to increase membership, increase awareness, increase interest in the transit system, and establish relationships with our community partners to further address the transit needs of the residents of St. Mary's County. In CY 2021 the TAC has held four quarterly meetings, moved meeting venues, discussed impacts to Transportation, bus ridership, listened to and discussed the technical and program briefs from ex-officio members.

Problems and Challenges Encountered

Informing the St Mary's County residents of the TAC's activities has been an ongoing struggle. Utilizing the Commissioner's Meeting Room and the recording equipment will help to alleviate some of those challenges. During COVID-19 many of the challenges that faced the TAC were due to the shutdowns/slowdowns caused by the pandemic. The challenge now is how to best advise the public with Transportation issues as ridership increases as St Mary's County returns to normal operations.

Future Plans

The committee will continue to fulfill Article III of the *Bylaws of the Transportation Advisory Committee of St Mary's County*.

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