



St. Mary's County Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) 2020 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

Laura Carrington	06/30/2022
Lemuel Proctor	12/31/2022
Adam Dyson	06/30/2021
Thomas Rogers	07/30/2022

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
Nancy Krasnesky	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

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ATTENDANCE ROSTER 2020

BOARD: Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

	JAN	APRIL	JULY	OCT**
Meeting Date	1/16/2020	4/16/2020	7/30/2020	10/15/2020
Quorum (Y/N)		###	Y	N
MEMBERS				
Laura Carrington	P		P	P
Adam Dyson	A		P	A
Lemuel Proctor	P		P	A
Thomas Rogers* (July 2020 Appointment)	N/A		N/A	P
INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATION				
George Clark	P		P	P
Kevin Corrigan	P		P	P
Karen Gardner	P		P	A
Sabrina Hecht	A		P	A
Yolanda Hipski	P		P	A
Lisa Lemke	A		A	A
Melinda Lyon	P		P	A
Laschelle McKay	P		A	A
Vanessa Price	P		A	A
Bill Roberts	A		A	A
DESIGNATED STAFF ADVISOR				
William Hall	P		P	P
Jacque Fournier	P		N/A	N/A
TECHNICAL ADVISOR				
Vacant				
ADA COORDINATOR				
Jennifer Martinez	P		N/A	N/A

* Not currently a member.

##April 2020 Meeting canceled due to COVID-19 emergency

** No quorum for October meeting, not rescheduled

P=Present

A=Absent

Committee Activities

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), like many other boards and commissions, has suffered setbacks in our efforts to promote transit ridership and other goals by the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The committee plans to restart efforts in the upcoming year to increase participation and attendance as the effects from the pandemic lessen and a recovery process begins.

Goals and Plans

The Committee steadily attempts to increase membership, and increase awareness and 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.

Problems and Challenges Encountered

Recruitment and retention of members continues to be a challenge for the committee.

Future Plans

The committee will continue to review ways to reach out to the community to better assess the transit needs of County residents.

The committee continues to monitor the feasibility of bus service to the College of Southern Maryland Hughesville Campus, as well as for an additional entrance and regional transfer center on campus. The committee will also monitor the feasibility of providing service to the new Veterans outpatient facility located in Charlotte Hall, the location of which presents several safety challenges for the buses entering and exiting the facility.

The committee will work to assist with the implementation of the bus stop study, to include the first stops being installed along Great Mills Road.

The committee will continue to reach out to the community and build a committee that better reflects the demographics of the area we serve. The committee will continue to provide the Commissioners of St. Mary's County with information to assist the Commissioners in future planning for the transportation needs of County residents.