

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE 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
Thomas Rogers
Rowena Bossio
Leon Carrington
William Hill
Glenn Orlin

Term Expiration

06/30/2025
06/30/2025
06/30/2027
12/31/2026
12/31/2027
12/31/2025

Ex Officio Members

Courtney Jenkins

Land Use and Growth Management

Karly Maltby

Metropolitan Planning Organization

Melissa Craig

Senior Rides

Trace Allen Hall

St. Mary's Nursing Center

Melinda Lyon

St. Mary's Nursing Center

Laschelle McKay

Town of Leonardtown Council

George Clark

Tri-County Council for SoMD

Jessica Richards

Tri-County Council for SoMD

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St. Mary's County Boards, Committees, Councils & Commissions

ATTENDANCE ROSTER 2024

BOARD: Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

	JAN	APRIL	JULY	OCT
Meeting Date	1/18/2024	4/18/2024	7/18/2024	10/17/2024
Quorum (Y/N)	Y	Y	N	Y
MEMBERS				
Laura Carrington - Chair	P	P	P	P
Thomas Rogers - Vice Chair	A	P	A	A
Rowena Bossio	P	P	P	P
Leon Carrington	P	P	A	P
William Hill	P	A	P	P
Glenn Orlin	P	P	P	P
INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATION				
James Campbell*	P			
George Clark	A	A	P	A
Melissa Craig		P	A	A
Trace Allen Hall	A	A	A	A
Courtney Jenkins	A	P	P	P
Terry Kerns*	P	P	A	
Melinda Lyon		P	A	P
Karly Maltby	P	A	P	P
Laschelle McKay	P	P	P	A
Bill Roberts*	A	A	A	A
Jessica Richards	P	P	P	P
DESIGNATED STAFF ADVISOR				
Allison Swint	P	P	P	P
TECHNICAL ADVISOR				
Vacant				
STAFF SUPPORT				
Vacant				

* Not currently a member.

P=Present

A=Absent

Committee Activities

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is committed to fulfilling its Public Activity functions, per the Committee Bylaws. TAC activities for CY24 fall under each of the four functions.

Functions 1 and 2 - Preparation of the St. Mary's County Transit Development Plan, and Planning of service and policy changes for Locally Operated Transit Systems: The Transportation Advisory Committee continued to stay abreast of the funding and completion status of ongoing Transportation Plan projects, thanks to regular updates provided by Transportation Director Jim Gotsch.

Function 3 - Coordination among specialized transportation providers: TAC formed a Subcommittee to reorganize and update the Transportation Mobility Flyer on the County's Transportation website. The roster of transportation service providers on the flyer has current contact information for public and private transportation entities operating in the County. A copy of the flyer has been disseminated to the libraries.

Function 4 - Advocacy for the community regarding public transportation: TAC leadership met representatives from the NAACP, expressing renewed interest in finding ways to make Driver's Education affordable. The TAC hopes to gain momentum on this issue in CY25.

Accomplishments

TAC membership increased again in CY24. Members of the Committee, once again, made themselves available to join subcommittees, attending additional meetings and external functions to carry out the subcommittee business. The TAC continues to establish relationships with our community partners to further address the transit needs of the residents of St. Mary's County.

Problems and Challenges Encountered

While open Ex Officio positions have been refilled, recruitment of citizen volunteers has been slow. The Secretary position remains vacant. Following the April meeting, the terms of Chair and Vice Chair will expire, leaving the leadership positions vacant. The Committee will redouble efforts to find suitable leadership in CY25.

Future Plans

The committee will continue to fulfill Article III of the *Bylaws of the Transportation Advisory Committee of St Mary's County*. In the short term, TAC is compiling development goals to accomplish or work towards in CY25.