

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

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**  
**29 JANUARY 2026**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

- Laura Carrington called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Quorum was established.
- Link to video: [1/29/2026 transportation advisory committee for st mary's county - youtube](#)

**2. ROLL CALL:**

**TAC/EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- Laura Carrington, Chair
- Michael Valcke, Vice Chair
- Rowena Bossio, Secretary
- Kelsey Bush, St. Mary's College of MD
- Leon Carrington
- George Clark, Tri-County Council for Southern MD
- Jeanine Harrington, Leonardtown Council
- William Hill
- Melinda Lyon, St. Mary's Nursing Center
- Glenn Orlin
- Allison Swint, Deputy Director, Transportation

**ABSENT:**

- Melissa Craig, Senior Rides
- Courtney Jenkins, Land Use & Growth Management
- Laschelle McKay, Leonardtown Council

- Jessica Richards, Tri-County Council for Southern MD
- Ron Verbos, STS Supervisor

### **3. REPORTS:**

#### **A. CHAIR REPORT:**

1. Laura Carrington opened the meeting by welcoming participants to the first TAC quarterly meeting. In addition, the Chair identified immediate and future TAC goals as follows:
  - Increasing membership by adding Ex Officio members who will represent the Center of Life Enrichment, Social Services, and the College of Southern Maryland. The objective is to bring additional perspectives to TAC by widening community and organizational participation.
  - Increasing community outreach of the TAC by reaching out to advertising resources.
  - Semi-regular collaboration with the Tri-County counterparts.
  - Soliciting information from the public regarding their transportation requirements and developing goals accordingly.
  - Staying involved with transportation projects in the county and requesting regular input from TAC members regarding transportation plans in development.
2. For future meetings, to ensure that quorum is met, Laura requested that before scheduled quarterly meetings, the members confirm via email their meeting attendance. It is requested that members notify the Chair no later than 11:00 a.m. on the day of the scheduled quarterly meeting.
3. Laura discussed and requested a vote for in-person meetings. The members voted for continuing hybrid meetings with options of attending in-person or virtually.

**B. TRANSPORTATION REPORT:** Allison Swint provided the following information on current and future public transportation initiatives:

- One vehicle will be delivered in February; for the FY25 vehicles, the delivery schedule is not available at this time. Orders are in process for the FY26 vehicle deliveries.
- The solicitation for the multimodal study with the Calvert-St. Mary's Metropolitan Planning Organization (C-SMMPO) is expected to be on the street for bid this month.
- The FY27 grant application is in work with due dates for Part 1 and Part 2 by early February and end of March respectively.
- The bus stop and shelter project has been completed.
- The Transportation Development Plan (TDP), which is completed every five years, will start in March with completion in about six months. The plan is under contract with KFH. Similar to the MPO multimodal study, it will provide information on underused routes and recommendations for future routes for STS buses. All stakeholders will be involved in the development of the TDP.
- Unused county cell phones along with resources from the GIS Department resulted in the creation of a modernized system where data is being collected to project future ridership demands.
- In support of the 2 February MPO working group meeting, Allison took action to ensure representation of new MPO Coordinator.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Finalization of the 2025 Annual Report:** Laura Carrington read the highlights of the report after which she requested input from the members. No changes were recommended and Michael Valcke made a motion to approve final report; Leon Carrington seconded. Members voted approval; motion carried.
- B. Officer Elections:** Laura Carrington, Michael Valcke, and Rowena Bossio self-nominated unopposed for the vacant positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary respectively and were elected to those three positions.

## **5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**A.** The next quarterly meeting will be held on Thursday, 16 April 2026, at 1:00 pm at the Commissioner's Gallery, Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldrige St., Leonardtown MD 20650.

**B.** Prior to the meeting, Laura solicited input (via email) from TAC members on the draft Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Southern MD. Laura pointed out during this meeting that the TAC should review Chapter 7 of the Plan which covers recommended strategy prioritization.

**6. ADJOURN:** George Clark motioned to adjourn the meeting; Glenn Orlin seconded. Motion carried. Laura Carrington adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.