



## Transit Choices Meeting Summary

December 2, 2016  
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

**Impact Hub Baltimore**  
10 E. North Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

### Attendees:

Kate Anderson, **Disability Rights Maryland**, David Benn, **Cho Benn + Holback & Associates**, Father Michael Bishop, **Bus Rider**, Liz Briscoe, **Action In Maturity**, Robin Budish, **Transit Choices**, Ben Cohen, **BWI Partnership**, Caitlin Doolin, **Baltimore City Department of Transportation**, Mark Edelson, **Goldman & Goldman, P.A.**, **Baltimore Transit Campaign**, George Frazier, **Baltimore Bike Out**, Rich Hall, **Citizens Planning Housing & Housing Association**, Don Halligan, **Baltimore Metropolitan Council**, Reverend Alvin Hathaway, **Union Baptist Church**, Mark Heishman, **Transdev**, Betty Hickey, **Choice Bus Rider**, Greg Hinchcliffe, **Bicycle Advocate**, Samuel Jordan, **Baltimore Transit Equity Coalition**, Jenny Klump, **Marketing and Design Strategist**, Jon Laria, **Ballard Spahr LLP**, Jackie MacMillan, **Bus Workgroup 14**. Michael McDaniel, **Baltimore Water Taxi**, Werner Mueller, **AECOM**, Joe Nathanson, **Urban Information Associates**, Theo Ngongang, **AECOM**, Caroline Paff, **Sagamore Development Company**, Klaus Philipsen, **ArchPlan**, Michael Romeo, **Transdev**, Jimmy Rouse, **Transit Choices**, Sandy Sparks, **Charles Village Civic Association**, Kristin Speaker, **Charles Street Development Corporation**, Yolanda Takesian, **Kittelson and Associates**, Raven Thompson, **Baltimore Development Corporation**, Tammy Walters, **Baltimore City Department of Transportation**, Alicia Wilson, **Sagamore Development Company**, Trey Winstead, **Whiting -Turner**

Moderator: Mark Edelson, Attorney at Goldman & Goldman, P.A. and a Baltimore Transit Campaign board member welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the attendees for coming. Mark then introduced the first guest speakers:

Alicia Wilson (Vice President for Community Affairs and Legal Advisor) and Caroline Paff (Vice President), Sagamore Development Company  
Presentation: "**Port Covington Master Plan**"

### Port Covington History:

Port Covington was a railroad terminal in Baltimore, Maryland, situated on the Middle Branch of the Patapsco River. It was built by the Western Maryland Railway and opened in 1904.

### Port Covington Overview:

Port Covington is currently one of the largest urban redevelopment projects in America and it will be transformational for Baltimore City. It will be the future home and global headquarters of Under Armour, one of the fastest growing brands in the world. In its present state, Port Covington is an aging, underutilized industrial area that covers over 260 acres and three miles of waterfront. It is disconnected

from the rest of the City – but it has tremendous potential to be a thriving, active and inclusive waterfront neighborhood.

A redeveloped Port Covington will mean thousands of new jobs, new businesses, better transit to jobs, more than 40 acres of parks, new space for manufacturing, fresh opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurship, new ways to reach the waterfront and more. This redevelopment will have a fundamental and far-reaching positive impact on Baltimore, its economy and its future.

The redevelopment envisions a new street grid, new transit facilities and links and new parks connecting people to the waterfront. In addition, there will be meaningful improvements throughout the area that will engage and educate Baltimore residents and visitors about the ecology of the Middle Branch of the Patapsco River. Embedded in every element of the redevelopment plan is a deference to Baltimore's hardworking heritage, a dedication to environmental stewardship and a commitment to diversity and inclusion.

#### **Transit Goals:**

- Multi modal split of 50%
- Bicycle & Pedestrian connectivity
- Future Light Rail spur into Port Covington
- Strengthened Bus connections
- Internal "Circulator"
- Bike Share

#### **Presentation highlights:**

- **OBJECTIVES**
  - **Relocate** the Under Armour campus to permit growth
  - Build a **community** that fosters pride throughout the city and state
  - **Renovate** one of Baltimore's "front porches" to create an exciting, dynamic gateway to the city
  - **Create** a world-class, mixed-use destination that innovates the experience of urban living for the future
- **PLANNING PRINCIPLES**
  - **Create** a sense of arrival and make it a destination
  - **Make** strong connections between uses, ecology and people
  - **Induce** multi-modal behaviors through great design and investment in the public realm
  - **Make** it all walkable
  - **Innovate**
- **SYSTEMS**
  - TRANSIT AND TRANSPORTATION
  - PARKS AND LANDSCAPING
- **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**
  - **Historic** \$100 million dollar commitment to the City and surrounding communities
  - **Unprecedented** investment in workforce development, education, minority and women-owned businesses
  - **Local Hiring** includes 30% of all infrastructure work to be performed by City residents
  - **Inclusionary Housing** means 20% of units will be affordable, 60% of those on-site
  - **Resulted** from negotiations with City leaders, advocates and local communities

#### **Second Guest Speaker:**

Michael McDaniel (President, Baltimore Water Taxi)

Presentation: "**Water Taxi Update**"

Presentation highlights: **Water Taxi**

- **Company Milestones**
  - A Baltimore Success Story

- 40 Years of Maritime Experience
- Part of Mayor Schafer's Revitalization Project
- **Community Participation**
  - Harbor Boating's Community Involvement
  - Sagamore Venture's Community Involvement
- **Personnel – Current Strength**
  - 71 Employees
  - 71% Baltimore City
  - 32% Minority
- **Personnel - Future Strength**
  - 121 Employees
  - 80% (+) Baltimore City
  - 50% (+) Minority
- **Routing – View PowerPoint Presentation**
- **Existing Fleet**
  - 17 Commercial Vessels
  - 736 Combined Seats
  - 2,324 Pax Per Hour
- **Future Fleet**
  - 10 Commercial Vessels
  - 490 Combined Seats
  - 1,367 Pax Per Hour
- **Ticketing - Proposed 2017 Ticket Price & Options**
  - Daily
  - Monthly
  - Charters

Discussion Summary: Meeting attendees were given the opportunity at the conclusion of both presentations, to share their feedback and to provide suggestions, ideas and concerns with the guest speakers.

**Other Business:**

- Jimmy Rouse, Founding Member Transit Choices reported on the following:
  - The next BaltimoreLink Ad hoc committee meeting will be held on December 8, 2016. Kevin B. Quinn, Jr. (Director, Office of Planning and Programming with the MTA) will make a fourth presentation to the group on updates to the BaltimoreLink plan. The targeted “go live date” is scheduled for June 18, 2017. Given that BaltimoreLink is an organic process, Transit Choices has an important ongoing role providing feedback to the MTA.
  - All Transit Choices participants were reminded to “sign on” as signatories in support of the new Transit Vision brochure vision. The goal is to continue building a coalition and have maximum support for change in Baltimore’s transit system.
  - In January 2017: 1) Jimmy will appear on WYPR Midday with Tom Hall to discuss and promote the new Transit Vision brochure. He will emphasize how great public transit can Transform Baltimore, 2) meeting scheduled with the Baltimore Sun editorial board to discuss what can be done in the next four years to create a first rate public transit system for Baltimore.
  - Jim Smith (advisor to Mayor-elect Catherine Pugh) is very supportive of the important work that Transit Choices is doing, and has agreed to facilitate a meeting with the Mayor-

elect in early January 2017.. As an interim step, Jim suggested a meeting with Don Halligan, Chair of the Mayor's Transportation Transition committee to discuss the work the committee is doing to establish key priorities and initiatives

Robin Budish, Director Transit Choices acknowledged and thanked the following:

- All attendees for their and time and participation
- Impact Hub Baltimore for providing meeting space