

# PUBLIC NOTICE



Maryland Department  
of Transportation



## MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

### WILL CONDUCT AN OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CORRIDOR CITIES TRANSITWAY (CCT) SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

for the

### PROPOSED CCT ALTERNATIVE MODIFICATIONS NEAR CROWN FARM, LIFE SCIENCES CENTER, AND KENTLANDS IN GAITHERSBURG, AS PART OF THE I-270/US 15 MULTI-MODAL CORRIDOR STUDY

**WHEN: December 15, 2010**

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM Open House and Hearings,  
Maps/Displays Available

4:00 PM Private Testimony Begins

6:00 PM Public Testimony Begins

**WHERE: The Activity Center at Bohrer Park  
506 S. Frederick Avenue  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877**

The CCT is a 13 to 15 mile bus rapid transit (BRT) or light rail transit (LRT) transitway that would extend north from the Shady Grove Metrorail Station in Rockville to COMSAT, just south of Clarksburg, MD in Montgomery County. The CCT is the transit component of the I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study, a joint multi-modal study initiated by the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) and the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA). The I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study consists of the several combinations of highway strategies, the CCT and other transit options to address congestion, improve safety, and increase mobility along the I-270/US 15 Corridor from the Shady Grove Metro Station (Montgomery County) to north of Biggs Ford Road (Frederick County).

The Supplemental Environmental Assessment Open House and Public Hearing is being offered to provide all interested persons the opportunity to learn about and express their opinions about recent project developments. The Open House portion of the meeting will provide information about the proposed improvements and the results of the environmental analysis through written information, displays and multi-media presentations. Project staff will be available to discuss the project and answer questions. In addition, this meeting will act as a public hearing for the completion of the Supplemental Environmental Assessment. Interested persons will be afforded the opportunity to present their views regarding the proposed project and the Supplemental Environmental Assessment document by providing private or public oral testimony documented by a court reporter and/or written testimony as preferred. All comments provided at the hearing and during the document public comment period will be carefully considered by project staff and will become part of the project public record. Comment Forms will be available at the open house.

The purpose of the Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) document is to evaluate the three new alignment modifications developed by MTA at the request of the Montgomery County Council and the City of Gaithersburg to meet the Counties' new development plans in the Gaithersburg area. The document evaluates the effects of the proposed alignment modifications on the natural and human environments and assesses the impacts on transit performance. The alternative modifications include:

- A modified alignment traversing Crown Farm through the heart of a new transit-oriented mixed-use development with a station near the center of the new development;
- A new route proposed to serve the expanded Life Sciences Center (LSC) located near the intersection of Great Seneca Highway and Key West Avenue; and
- An alignment shift that puts the transitway on the west side of Great Seneca Highway to directly serve a Kentlands shopping center proposed for redevelopment into a mixed-use transit-supportive destination.

Beginning at 4:00 PM, mapping depicting the project alternatives and other information regarding the project will be available for public viewing. Representatives of MTA will be available to record your comments and discuss points of interest with you. SHA representatives will also be available to record comments on the I-270/US 15 Study. There will not be a

formal presentation; however public testimony for the project's record will begin at 6:00 PM. The opportunity to provide testimony privately will also be provided, starting at 4:00 PM.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who desire to be heard or want to be placed on the project planning mailing list may submit a request to Mr. Rick Kiegel, Project Manager, Corridor Cities Transitway, Maryland Transit Administration, 6 St Paul Street, 9th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202 or by calling 410-767-1380 or toll free 1-888-218-2267, or by email at rkiegel@mta.maryland.gov.

If you received a copy of this notice in the mail, you are currently on the project mailing list. Those persons who signed up to be placed on the mailing list will be kept informed of project developments as the study progresses.

Individuals seeking to provide testimony will be placed on the speakers' list for this Public Hearing during on-site registration the night of the hearing. Elected officials will be given the opportunity to speak before those on the speakers' list. After the elected officials, the speakers will be called in the order in which their requests were received. Attendees at the Public Hearing who desire to speak may do so after those on the previously established list. Due to the large number of speakers anticipated, comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

Beginning on November 30, 2010, the SEA document will be available for inspection and copying at the following locations during normal business hours:

#### County Libraries

Rockville Branch 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville, MD 20850 (240) 777-0140	C. Burr Artz Central Library 110 East Patrick Street Frederick, MD 21701 (301) 600-1630
Germantown Branch 19840 Century Boulevard Germantown, MD 20874 (240) 777-0110	Walkersville Branch 57 West Frederick Street Walkersville, MD 21793 (301) 845-8880
Quince Orchard Branch 15831 Quince Orchard Road Gaithersburg, MD 20878 (240) 777-0200	Urbana Regional Branch 9020 Amelung Street Frederick, MD 21704 (301) 600-7000

#### Municipal Offices

City of Gaithersburg City Hall 31 South Summit Ave. Gaithersburg, MD 20877 (301) 258-6300	City of Frederick City Hall 101 North Court Street Frederick, MD 21701 (301) 600 1385
Upcounty Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road, Suite 1000 Germantown, MD 20874 (240) 777-8047	City of Rockville City Hall 111 Maryland Avenue Rockville, MD 20850 (240) 314-5000

#### State Highway Administration

State Highway Administration District 3 9300 Kenilworth Ave. Greenbelt, MD 20770 (301) 513-7300	SHA Headquarters Building Library Mailstop C-605 707 North Calvert Street Baltimore, MD 21202 (410) 545-5573
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State Highway Administration  
District 7  
5111 Buckeystown Road  
Frederick, MD 21704  
(301) 624-8100

#### Maryland Transit Administration

Maryland Transit Administration  
6 Saint Paul Street, Suite 902  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410) 767-1380

The documents will be available for viewing at these locations for a minimum of 60 days. Additionally, documents will be posted on the project website: mta.maryland.gov/cct.

Open House and Public Hearing location is accessible for people with disabilities. Anyone who requires special assistance; additional accommodations; printed material in an alternate format; and hearing impaired persons who wish to attend this meeting should notify Mr. Kiegel at the above address. The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1. Non-English-speaking persons who wish to attend should also notify Mr. Kiegel to request an interpreter. All requests, including those for an oral, Sign, or non-English-language interpreter, must be received by December 8, 2010.

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