RTS Steering Committee Meeting
EOB, 9th Floor Conference Room
April 30, 2013, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

**Voting Members In-Attendance**
Arthur Holmes, Jr. – Chair; Joe Beach; David Dise; Leif Dormsjo; Marc Hansen; Shyam Kannan; Jonathan Sachs; Dan Wilhelm; Mark Winston

**Non-Voting Members**
Tom Autrey; Gary Erenrich; Jonathan Genn; Brady Goldsmith; Edgar Gonzalez; Bruce Johnston; Rick Kiegel; Al Roshdieh; Frank Spielberg; Emil Wolanin

**Other Attendees**
Chris Conklin; Dan Goldfarb; Jim Hamre; Martie Reinfeld; Charlie Scott; Paul Silverman

**Introductions and Welcome** Arthur Holmes Jr. called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

**Approval of Minutes for February 26, 2013** The minutes from the February 26, 2013 meeting were approved.

**Capital Improvement Program Updates** A supplemental appropriation request was sent to the Council for the six studies; however, only two studies were approved. The Council made it clear that until they receive and can act on the Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan, they will not approve funding for any additional studies. A link to the Master Plan is on the RTS web page.

**Update on the Countywide Transit Corridors Function Master Plan** The public hearing for the draft plan is May 16, the first work session is June 6, 2nd work session is June 13, the 3rd is June 20, and the final work session is July 11. July 22 is the final Planning Board review before the August 1 deadline to submit the Master Plan to the Council**.**

**Review of Service Planning and Integration and Transit Signal Priority Studies** Dan Goldfarb gave a presentation on this topic. His presentation can be found on the RTS web site under documents. At the end of May they are scheduling a session with Dan Wilhelm to go over the study status. The dates will be posted as soon as they are available.

**Report of Working Groups**

**Finance** Joe Beach is heading up this working group. He handed out some background and the goals of the working group. The working group wants to come up with a financing plan that will work for the entire project. There is still room for more volunteers. The group held their first meeting on April 5.

Leif Dormsjo spoke about the general assembly passing a new gas tax to pay for transportation projects. He thanked the County leaders who went to Annapolis to help push through the new tax. The Purple Line supporters and the CCT supporters put it over the top. Over the next several months MDOT will be programming the funds. MDOT will need to partner up with other County governments regarding the long-term financing plans. It will take 4 years to reach the $800 million. David Dise spoke about the County’s experience with P3s.

**Service Planning and Integration and Transit Signal Priority** Dan Wilhelm is the head of this working group. The group has asked for a meeting with the consultants since he has some concerns with regards to the corridors and the bus stops, the demand forecasts. A meeting with Dan Wilhelm will be scheduled.

**Crystal City/Potomac Yard BRT Presentation** Martie Reinfeld, City of Alexandria Transit Division Chief gave a presentation on the BRT project Alexandria has begun. Her presentation can be found on the RTS web site under documents.

**WMATA BRT Marketing and Branding Presentation** Jim Hamre gave a presentation for WMATA about marketing and branding. The presentation can be found on the RTS web site under documents.

**Meeting Calendar** The next meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2013 at 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm in the EOB 9th Floor Conference Room. Gary Erenrich asked for any additions to the next Agenda be sent to him.

Al Roshdieh announced that MCDOT should have the RTS Manager II position filled within one month.

Arthur Holmes Jr., ended the meeting at 5:51 pm.