

Montgomery County **RAPID TRANSIT**

BRT CORRIDOR STUDIES



CAC Overview

- Approximately four months into CAC effort
- Kickoff Meeting at end of February
- All five CACs have met three times
 - February
 - March/April
 - May/June
- Attendance and participation have been very strong
- All presentations and meeting summaries are posted on County website:
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rts



CAC Overview

- MD 586 (Veirs Mill Road) – Under 20 members
- US 29 North – Under 20 members
- MD 355 North – 27 members
- US 29 South – 40 members
- MD 355 South – 45 members

Update – Informational Open Houses

The Informational Open House meetings postponed to:

- Allow for greater coordination and input from the CAC members
- Evaluate and incorporate preliminary findings of the City of Rockville and City of Gaithersburg BRT Studies
- Develop preliminary service planning information
- Once new dates are identified, the public will be informed through a series of outreach efforts: “Save the Date” postcard, informational brochure, newspaper ads, project website, and coordination with local civic organizations

CAC Meeting 1 and 2 - Meeting Topics (All CACs)

All 5 CACs:

- Project Development Process
- Existing Conditions
 - Traffic
 - Transit
 - Roadway
 - Environmental
- Purpose and Need
 - Exercise – Where do you live, work and play
 - Exercise – Corridor strengths and opportunities
 - Exercise – Values

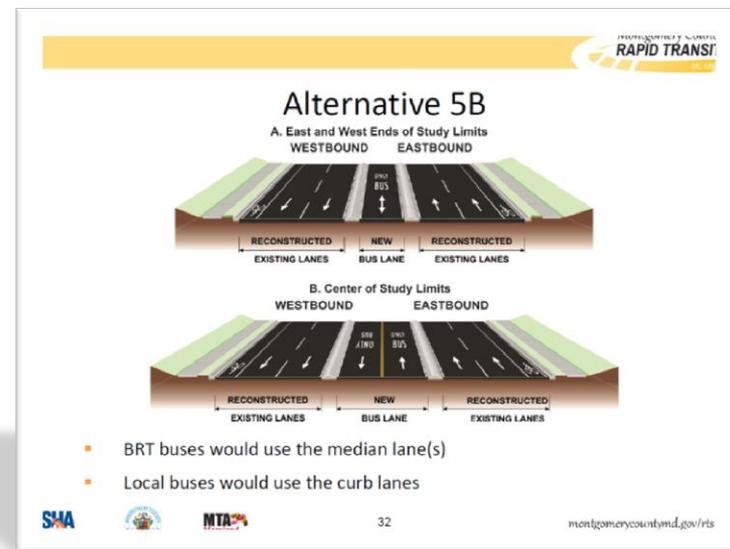


MD 586 CAC

- Meeting #3
 - Review of conceptual alternatives
 - Alternatives Retained for Detailed Study (ARDS)

- Next Meeting – Meeting #4
 - Review of ARDS
 - ARDS to be presented in detail

- CAC Member Feedback
 - Access roads along MD 586 important
 - Increased bike/ped opportunities important
 - Desire to see short-term transit improvements
 - Is there a market for BRT? Will people use it?



CAC Feedback (US 29 & MD 355)

■ US 29

- Growth along corridor demonstrates there is a need for some type of transit improvements
- Very interested in land use – Such as White Oak area
 - Land use assumptions serve as catalyst for study
- Need for MD 650 (New Hampshire Ave) to be studied

■ MD 355

- Concerned about Purpose and Need
 - Language pre-judges the outcome
 - Should be two different purposes that serve two different needs for north and south of Shady Grove
- Level of projected growth – White Flint employment and population

Next Steps

- US 29 and MD 355 Meeting #4 – Summer
- US 29 and MD 355 Meeting #5 - Fall
- MD 586 Meeting #4 – Fall
- Public Information Open House meetings - Fall