

# Montgomery County **RAPID TRANSIT**

BRT CORRIDOR STUDIES

*February 21, 2015*



# Introductions

## ■ CAC Facilitator & Scribe

- Yolanda Takesian & Conor Semler, Study Team
- Andrew Bing, Study Team

## ■ Project Team Members

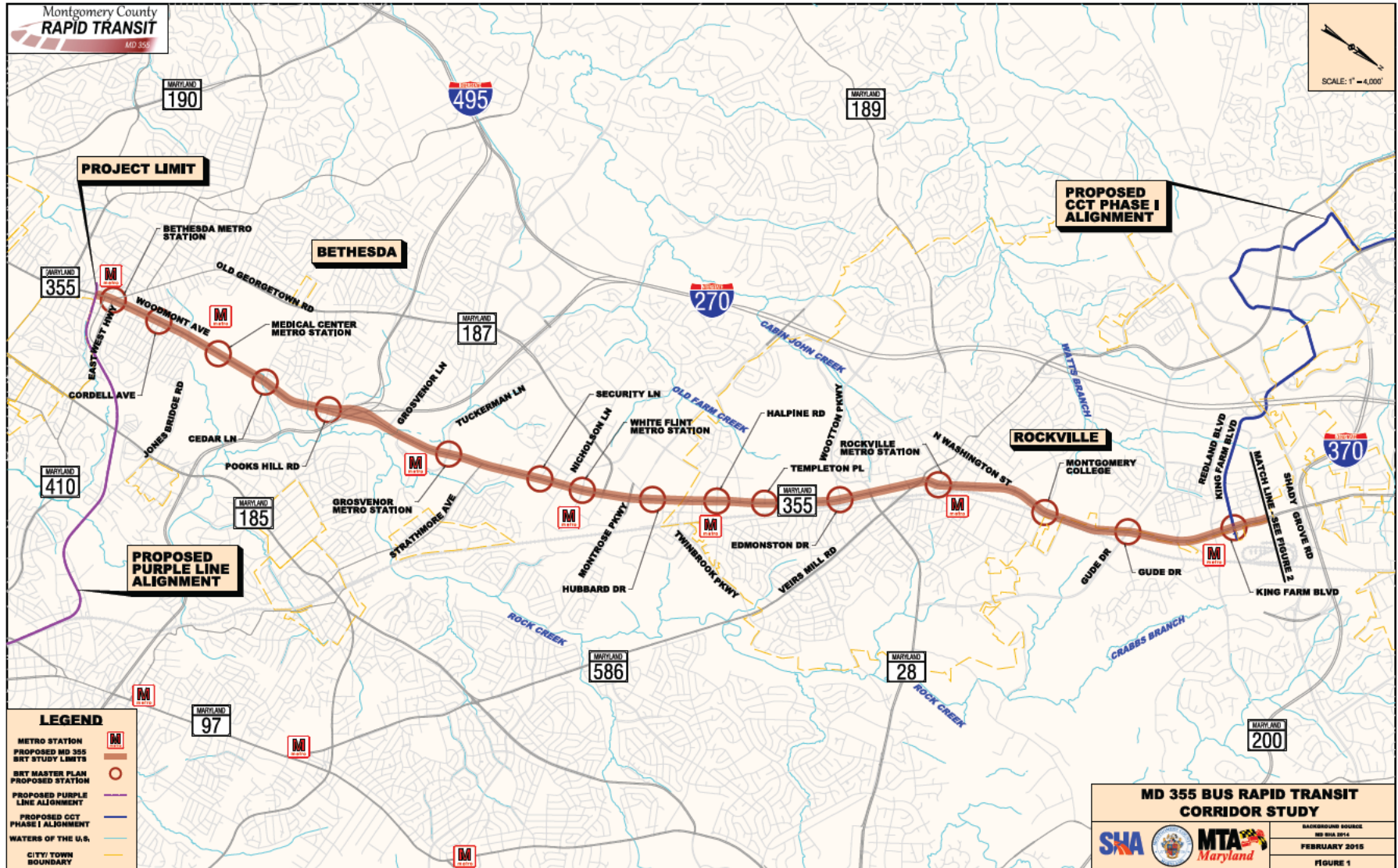
- Jamaica Arnold, Kenya Lucas, Joe Harrison, Jr., Barry Keidrowski, SHA
- Kyle Nembhard, MTA
- Joana Conklin, Tom Pogue, Montgomery County DOT
- Alvaro Sifuentes, Study Team

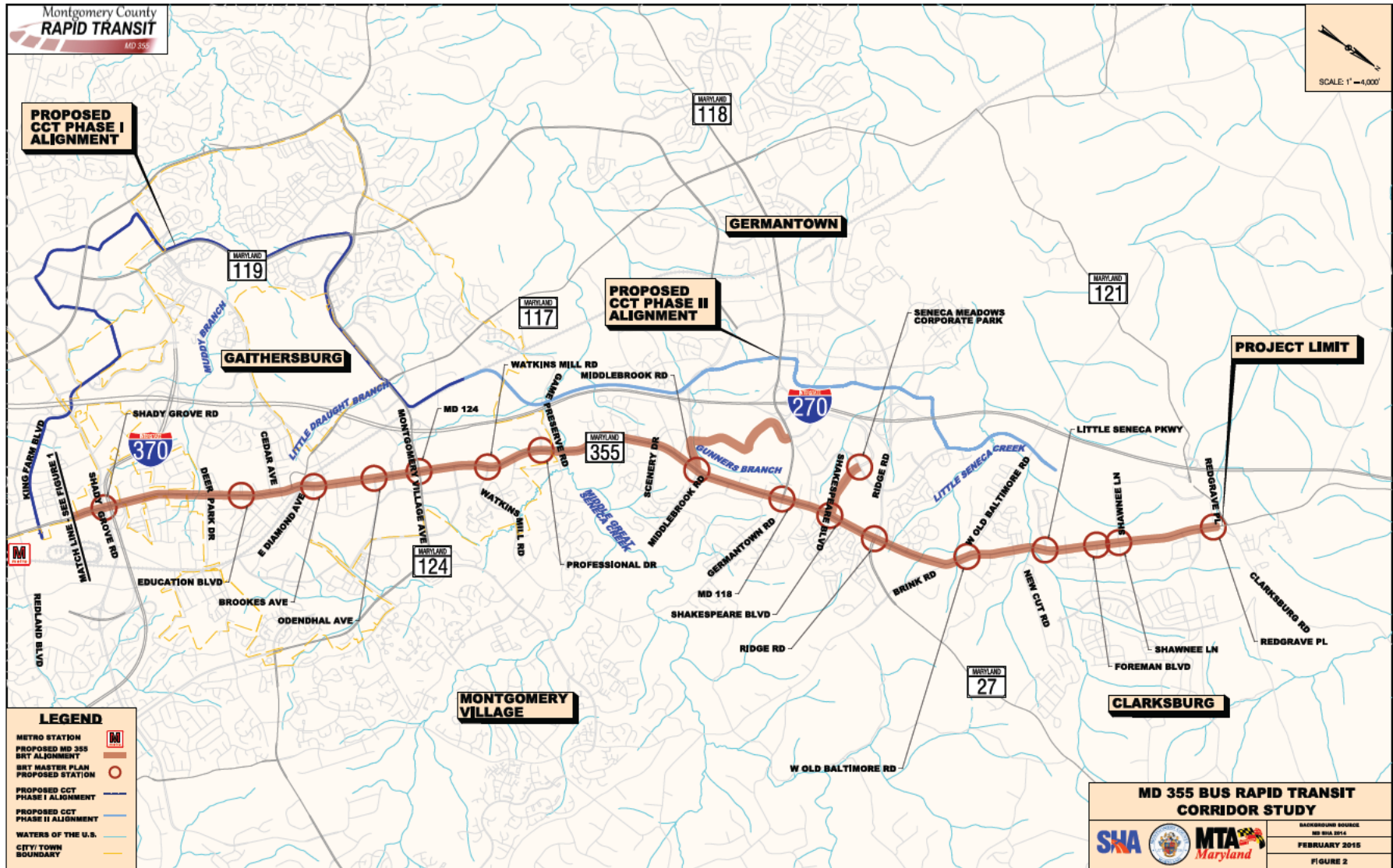
## ■ CAC Members

# CAC member opening session debrief

- **Take two minutes to write one observation per sticky note**
  - Write something you heard that was noteworthy, interesting or important from this morning's presentations
- **Building on one another's observations**
  - Share an observation with the large group that has not been previously mentioned







# Map Exercise

- **Please identify up to 3 locations on the map:**
  - How do you/people you know use transit?
    - Your/their bus stop, metro station, route to get there, etc.
  - For what purpose do you use the corridor?
    - Commute to your job, shop, recreate, build your vision, etc.
  - What would make taking transit more attractive?
    - Locations of issues, opportunities
  - How do you see BRT on 355 making the corridor more attractive?
    - Increasing travel choice, economic development, beautification, etc.
  - What concerns do you have?
    - Locations of impact



# Mission Statement

- Give community participants the opportunity to provide input to all planning and design.
- Provide the opportunity to discuss study assumptions and methodologies.
- Fulfill County Council requirements for transparency and community involvement.
- Provide the opportunity for interaction and information-sharing among impacted residents/communities, property owners of businesses/institutions, transportation agency representatives, and transportation system users.
- Study and discuss potential community impacts in a comprehensive manner that supports cost-effective and context- and community- sensitive implementation outcomes.
- Serve as a clearinghouse for sharing of timely and accurate information on the studies and plans in each corridor.
- Share information from the CAC meetings with the community groups that you represent and share input received from them during subsequent CAC meetings; and
- Provide leadership and build consensus within the community to coalesce diverse interests and address stakeholder issues.

# Ground Rules:

## How we treat one another

- Each member has an equal right to speak and ask questions.
- All concerns and issues should be raised during the CAC meetings.
- Each member is encouraged to share individual viewpoints. Individual opinions are valid whether others agree with them or not.
- We will listen to, respect and seek to understand the views of others, particularly those perspectives that differ from our own.
- Disagreements will be explored not suppressed. In some instances, however, disagreements may be discussed outside of meetings so that we are not distracted from achieving the purpose of the meetings.
- We will be courteous when addressing other members, staff and consultants.
- We will refrain from interrupting each other, staff or consultants.
- We will keep our comments relevant to the topic under discussion.
- The CAC facilitator is responsible for running the meeting and covering each agenda item; please respect her approach and partner with her to ensure the best and most productive meeting environment.



# Ground Rules:

## How we provide feedback and how it will be used

- The CAC is an advisory group; not a decision-making group.
- The CAC will not take votes; but rather provide input/feedback.
- Information will be presented to the CAC and the project team will seek input/feedback from the CAC members.
- The project team will summarize the input/feedback provided by the CAC and publish the meeting summary on the project website.
- Information will not be repeated from one meeting to the next; if a CAC member misses a meeting it is his/her responsibility to review information from that meeting and/or speak with the CAC facilitator to stay up to date.
- Members may designate an alternate to attend and participate in discussions in his or her absence.
- Non-members may attend meetings as observers. However, non-members will not participate in the meetings. If there is time available at the end of meetings the facilitator may allow comments from members of the public in attendance.

# Ground Rules:

## How we communicate with those outside the CAC

- It is expected that CAC members will share information with other stakeholders and be a liaison between the CAC and the constituency they represent.
- When speaking about the work of the CAC outside of meetings, CAC members are speaking for themselves only.
- Draft materials shared by and among members, staff and consultants shall be treated as working papers.

# Logistics

## ■ How to communicate with your facilitator

- [ytakesian@kittelson.com](mailto:ytakesian@kittelson.com)
- 410-347-9610

## ■ Upcoming meeting dates

- Next Meeting: April 16 6:30-8:30pm

Executive Office Building Lobby Level Auditorium

101 Monroe Street, Rockville

- Spring Meeting: TBD
- Public Meeting: TBD

# Homework preparation for next meeting

- **Please identify up to three locations along the MD 355 corridor that you think of as “strengths”**
  - These are ways in which the corridor works well, and plays a positive role in the life of the community
- **Please identify up to three locations along the MD 355 corridor that you think of as “opportunities”**
  - These are ways in which the corridor could work better, and has opportunities for improvement
- **Please complete the exercise by 3/10/2015 and submit it via US Postal Service or e-mail**



# QUESTIONS