

## Past CAC Meeting Topics (2015-2017)

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### Meeting 1: February 2015

- Introductions
- CAC roles and ground rules
- Map Exercise: How do CAC members use transit? How can BRT improve the corridor?

### Meeting 2: April 2015

- Review of ground rules
- Local planning process
  - Functional Master Plan
  - BRT Corridor Study
- Project development timeline
  - Schedule and milestones
  - Preview of future CAC meeting topics
- Existing Conditions
  - Land use and proposed development
  - Existing commute patterns
  - Existing transit service
  - Existing roadway features
  - Environmental resources
- BRT Corridor Study process
  - Purpose and need
- Roundup of community feedback
- Categories of transportation needs
  - Connectivity
  - Livability
  - Mobility
  - Transit Appeal
- Needs, Values, Concerns exercise

### Meeting 3: June 2015

- Project updates
  - BRT Corridor Study
  - Open Houses
- Regional Demand Projections
  - Population
  - Employment
  - Travel patterns
  - Transit ridership
- Traffic Operations

- Existing traffic volumes
- Projected no-build level of service
- Average vehicle speed and travel time
- Traffic safety
- Draft purpose and need language
- BRT right-of-way options
  - BRT in Mixed Traffic
  - BRT Queue Jump Lanes
  - One-Way, Reversible, Dedicated BRT Lane
  - Bi-directional, Dedicated BRT Lane
  - Dedicated BRT Median Lanes
  - Dedicated BRT Curb Lanes

#### Meeting 4: August 2015

- Ridership Forecasts
  - Why a process?
  - Why forecasts?
  - The process
- Existing and historical traffic volumes on 355
- Regional travel demand model and forecasts
  - Four-step model
  - Inputs and assumptions
  - Outputs: Level of service, travel times, intersection delay

#### Meeting 5: December 2015

- Project management transfer from SHA to MTA
- Planning process update
  - Start of Conceptual Alternatives Development phase
  - End of this phase is Alternatives Retained for Detailed Study (ARDS) [Document title later changed to Conceptual Alternatives Report]
- Development of goals and objectives
  - Review of previous work on goals and objectives
  - Synthesis of CAC input into goals and objectives
  - Preliminary purpose and need update
- Conceptual alternative development process
  - Review of prior work
  - Components of conceptual alternative
  - Request for CAC member input

#### Open House – February 2016

- Draft Preliminary Purpose and Need Statement made available for public comment
- FAQ document distributed
  - Clarifies role of CACs
  - Describes additional opportunities for public input

- Explains travel forecasting
- Clarifies how transit operations and traffic operations are accounted for at this stage of the planning process

#### Meeting 6: March 2016

- Follow up on Draft Preliminary Purpose and Need document
- Preview of public open house
- Conceptual Alternatives Analysis
  - Response to CAC comments
  - Preliminary station location modifications
  - Preliminary station locations
  - Preliminary service plan
- Tabletop discussion:
  - Station locations
  - Service planning

#### Meeting 7: June 2016

- Public open houses summary
- Alternatives screening criteria
  - Selection process
  - Criteria
- Conceptual Alternatives Analysis
  - Running way
  - Challenging sections
  - Alternatives under consideration
    - Alternative 1: No build
    - Alternative 2: Transportation System Management
    - Alternatives 3A and 3B: dedicated median lane variations
    - Alternatives 4A and 4B: dedicated curb lane variations
  - Next steps
- Tabletop discussion:
  - Screening criteria
  - Running way alternatives

#### Meeting 8: October 2016

- Review of conceptual alternatives and alternatives screening process
  - Includes modifications made after release of Functional Master Plan
- Preliminary service plan
- Preliminary analysis of conceptual alternatives
  - Qualitative analysis: high, medium, and low rankings
  - Comparison of two different northern alignments
    - MD 355
    - Observation Drive
  - Comparison of two different southern termini

- Grosvenor
- Bethesda
- Other major considerations:
  - Ridership differences
  - Effects of lane repurposing
  - Bi-directional lane operations
  - Median-running versus curb-running
- Tabletop discussion:
  - Findings of preliminary analysis
    - Transit ridership
    - Travel times
    - Throughput
    - Accessibility

#### Meeting 9: November 2016

- Review of conceptual alternatives
- Preliminary analysis of conceptual alternatives
  - Review of analysis presented at previous CAC meeting
  - Review of methodology
  - Major considerations:
    - Property impacts
    - Operational costs
    - Construction costs
- Breakout session:
  - Discussion of preliminary analysis
  - Input on improvements to BRT alternatives

#### Meeting 10: May 2017

- Public open house summary
  - Review of topics covered
  - Summary of feedback received
- Release of Conceptual Alternatives Report
  - Presentation of advanced alternatives
  - Review of selection and screening process
- Station Design
  - Goals
  - Best practices
  - Platform types
  - Amenities and features
- Next Steps
  - Transfer of project from MTA to MCDOT for Phase 2