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# WOSG NEWS

White Oak Science Gateway



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### 3rd Edition

*The White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan seeks to leverage the many assets located in the White Oak area and establish the foundation upon which the area may evolve into a community that offers more opportunities to live, learn, work and play. The Plan also envisions that the commercial centers will evolve from conventional, auto-dependent suburban shopping retail centers, business parks and light industrial areas into vibrant, mixed-use, transit-served nodes.*

## County Council Approves the CIP, GDA and LATR—What Are They and How Will They Benefit the Gateway?

On February 14, 2017, the County Council approved an amendment to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), the General Development Agreement (GDA) and the Local Area Transportation Review fee for the WOSGateway projects.

The CIP shall include a statement of the objectives of capital programs and the relationship of capital programs to the County's long-range development plans; shall recommend capital projects and a construction schedule; and shall provide an estimate of costs, a statement of anticipated revenue sources, and an estimate of the impact of the program on County revenues and the operating budget. The capital improvements program shall, to the extent authorized by law, include all capital projects and programs of all agencies for which the county sets tax rates or approves budgets or programs. The Council approved \$47M in appropriations for demolition of on-site County buildings in preparation for construction of master-planned roads; and improvements for the redevelopment of WOSGateway project.

The GDA is between the County Government and Global Life Sciences Inc. In summary, this agreement is a land sale of County property, known as Site 2 (former WSSC property off Industrial Pkwy), to Global Life Sciences to join the adjacent properties. This will create the new *Viva White Oak* mixed use bio-life sciences campus. The 285 acre project will have new commercial, housing and office opportunities for the White Oak community and it is adjacent to the FDA Campus.

The LATR determines the adequacy of local roads by measuring congestion at roadway intersections based on critical lane volume (CLV) and volume to capacity ratio (v/c). The estimated vehicle trips generated by a proposed development are compared to the applicable policy area standard to evaluate likely future congestion. The development's trips that contribute to nearby intersections exceeding the standard must be mitigated in some fashion. A fee is set by the County Council and used to calculate a developer's payment. In the case of the Gateway, the fee paid by a developer per each trip generated by a new project, will be \$5,010.00 per trip. This money shall be used directly for the Gateway to fund transportation and pedestrian improvements up to \$101,800,000. See [http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Resources/Files/res/2017/20170214\\_18-726.pdf](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Resources/Files/res/2017/20170214_18-726.pdf).

## Route 29 Bus Rapid Transit

### GetOnBoardBRT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

JOIN US BUS RAPID TRANSIT ON US 29 OPEN HOUSES:

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Silver Spring Civic Building,  
Great Hall

1 Veterans Plaza

Silver Spring, MD 20910

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

White Oak Community Center  
Social Hall

1700 April Lane

Silver Spring, MD 20904

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Montgomery Blair High School  
Cafeteria

51 University Blvd East

Silver Spring, MD 20901

BRT or Bus Rapid Transit is coming to Montgomery County. The US Route 29 BRT will be the first to open connecting the White Oak Science Gateway to the region. Find out more about the BRT, where it will be and how it will benefit you. The Montgomery County Department of Transportation invites you to a public open house to learn more about the planning and implementation of BRT on US 29. DOT is eager for residents and businesses to learn more about the **Get on Board BRT** program and the project status. They will be ready to collect your valuable input. Please spread the word about these important meetings to your members and neighbors.



#### GETS YOU OUT OF TRAFFIC

- One BRT vehicle can take up to 90 cars off the road

#### SAVES YOU MONEY

- Riding BRT reduces expenses associated with driving

#### BETTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

- BRT reduces harmful greenhouse gas emissions, making our air cleaner

#### GETS YOU WHERE YOU WANT TO GO QUICKLY

- Frequent service, dedicated lanes, and green light priority signaling keep BRT vehicles moving

#### [GetOnBoardBRT.com](http://GetOnBoardBRT.com)

Sign language interpreters and other assistive services will be provided upon request. Contact Darcy Buckley at (240) 777-7166 or send a request to [darcy.buckley@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:darcy.buckley@montgomerycountymd.gov). \* Note: The three meetings will be identical and attendance at only one is necessary.

## Development Updates—What's Happening in the Gateway?

Six significant projects underway in the Gateway (conceptual statistics):

- FDA Campus expansion
- Viva White Oak
- Washington Adventist Hospital
- Hillandale Gateway
- Town Center
- Hilton Home 2 Suites Hotel



## Adventist Hospital

Two tower cranes were installed in late December, and construction on the main hospital building is officially underway. The foundation pouring commenced in late December and the foundation to grade work will continued through the end of February. From there, the concrete for each floor of the hospital will be completed with “topping” out expected in the Fall. The architects have completed design validation and the construction documents will be complete by the end of March. Plans for the parking garage and medical pavilion are progressing with construction likely later this year.



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## WOSG Corner by Peter Fosselman

### FDA History Vault

The FDA's History Vault contains more than 10,000 artifacts that provide a journey through American history and document the critical role played by one of the nation's oldest public health agencies in support of its mission to promote and protect American health. The collection includes deceptive and dangerous foods, medicines, and so-called medical products that the FDA helped remove from commerce and that led to important changes in laws and regulations. Visit the Vault at <https://blogs.fda.gov/fdavoices/index.php/2017/03/opening-the-fdas-history-vault/>. Thank you to the LabQuest group for sharing this community information.



### Club Adventure for Kids in White Oak

Club Adventure is a monthly program that takes place at nine of the recreation facilities for youth in grades K – 5 from 3 pm – 6 pm. During Club Adventure, participants will have the opportunity to have fun in an well organized well planned environment. Participants will have the opportunity to learn and join in a variety of recreational activities like sports, crafts and dance. Visit the fun at Club Adventure! For more information you may to [https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomerycounty/Activity\\_Search](https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomerycounty/Activity_Search) or call the White Oak Recreation Center at 240-77-6940.

### Transportation Apps

For those using public transportation, Montgomery County offers online trip planning tools such as Google Maps, Google mobile and Metro's Trip Planner. These are designed to make it easy to plan your trip while at home, work or on the go. Accessible parking spaces for individuals with disabilities are available and posted in the facility's parking lot. In addition, accessible entrances to buildings are located and posted near the accessible parking spaces.

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