

Interagency Rapid Transit System Meeting,

Thursday, March 9, 2017

Meeting No. 12-17

Notice to the general public is hereby given that on Thursday, March 9, 2017, at 7 p.m., the Mayor and City Council of Rockville will participate in a joint session with the Montgomery County Council and the Rockville City Council to discuss the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System and the Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT). The session will be held at the Case Community Center, 810 South Frederick Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

For more information please contact Legislative Affairs Manager.
Linda Moran at 240-314-8115.



**City of Rockville
Mayor and Council
Agenda Item**

For the meeting on:	March 9, 2017
Agenda Item Type:	Discussion
Department:	Community Planning and Development Services
Division:	Planning
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Subject

Interjurisdictional Meeting - Planning for Bus Rapid Transit in the Rockville/Gaithersburg Area

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council participate in a discussion of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in the Rockville/Gaithersburg area with the Montgomery County Council and the City of Gaithersburg Mayor and Council.

Discussion

The March 9, 2017 interjurisdictional Bus Rapid Transit System (BRT) meeting is a continuation of similar discussions held on December 3, 2014 and December 3, 2015. With planned BRT routes on portions of MD 355 that cross both Gaithersburg and Rockville, it is important that the three jurisdictions collaborate in support of achieving the goals of the County and the State, while also meeting the needs of both municipalities.

The March 9 meeting provides the opportunity to:

- continue to discuss the priorities for the project and outstanding issues (including funding and governance), and
- reinforce the desire to remain fully involved in the conversation as the State and County proceed with making decisions on the BRT planning, design, and implementation.

A detailed agenda for the meeting is provided in Attachment A. In addition to introductory remarks, there will be staff presentations on the following:

- Overview of BRT planning in the County by Montgomery County Department of Transportation staff;
- Update from the Maryland Transit Administration on the status of the MD 355 Planning Study; and
- Update on the Corridor Cities Transitway Planning Study from Rummel, Klepper, & Kahl, LLP.

Staff from each of the three jurisdictions will be available to answer questions. Representatives from

Holland and Knight will attend to answer any questions from a national BRT perspective, if necessary.

Mayor and Council History

This will be the third time the three jurisdictions have jointly met on this topic. The first interjurisdictional meeting was hosted by the Rockville Mayor and Council on December 3, 2014. The second was hosted by Montgomery County on December 3, 2015.

Next Steps

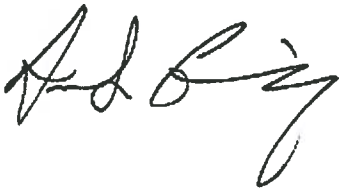
The City will continue to coordinate with the County, State, and Gaithersburg as the corridor BRT planning work progresses.

Attachments



Attachment A Agenda for 3-9-17 BRT meeting.pdf

Department Head

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Department Head: Andrew Gunning, Acting Director of Community Planning & Development Services

City Manager

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City Manager: Robert DiSpirito, City Manager
Approval Date: 03/08/2017

Planning for Bus Rapid Transit in the Rockville/Gaithersburg Area

**Casey Community Center
810 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg**

**March 9, 2017
7:00-9:00 pm**

AGENDA

- 7:00** *Introductory remarks:* Mayors Jud Ashman and Bridget Newton, County Council President Roger Berliner, and Al Roshdieh, Director of County Department of Transportation (for County Executive Isiah Leggett)
- 7:10** *Overview of BRT planning in Montgomery County:* Joana Conklin, Rapid Transit System Development Manager, Montgomery County Department of Transportation
- 7:15** *MD 355 BRT Planning Study:* Kyle Nembhard, Transit Planner/Project Manager, Maryland Transit Administration
- 8:00** *Corridor Cities Transitway Planning Study:* Rick Kiegel, Transportation Planning Manager, Rummel Klepper & Kahl, LLP (RK&K)
- 8:45** *Next steps and closing remarks*
- 9:00** *Adjournment*