

T&E COMMITTEE #2
October 31, 2011

MEMORANDUM

October 27, 2011

TO: Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee

FROM: ^{GO} Glenn Orlin, Deputy Council Staff Director

SUBJECT: Briefing—Transit Task Force

In February the County Executive appointed this task force to advise him on the development and implementation of a rapid transit system in the county beyond the existing branches of Metrorail's Red Line and the MARC Brunswick Line. The task force consists of 20 voting members, comprising of Councilmembers Berliner and Elrich, appointed officials, and representatives of the business and civic communities; there are also 7 ex-officio members representing the County, State, and Federal elected officials (©1). The task force has met 14 times since March and all meetings have been open to the public.

In the FY12 budget the Council provided \$250,000 for consulting services to support the Transit Task Force. Of this amount, \$150,000 (included in the Facility Planning-Transportation project in the Capital Improvements Program) is for transportation planning services continuing from the work completed in the \$500,000 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Feasibility Study. The remaining \$100,000 is for financial advisory services, exploring Federal, State, private, and special tax district options to fund the construction of the future rapid transit in the County—not only for BRT, but for the County contributions to the Purple Line and Corridor Cities Transitway as well.

Mark Winston, the Task Force's Chair and Tom Street, the County Executive's representative on the Task Force, will brief the Committee on its activities to date and the time-frame to complete its work. The presentation slides are on ©2-6.

Transit Task Force Members

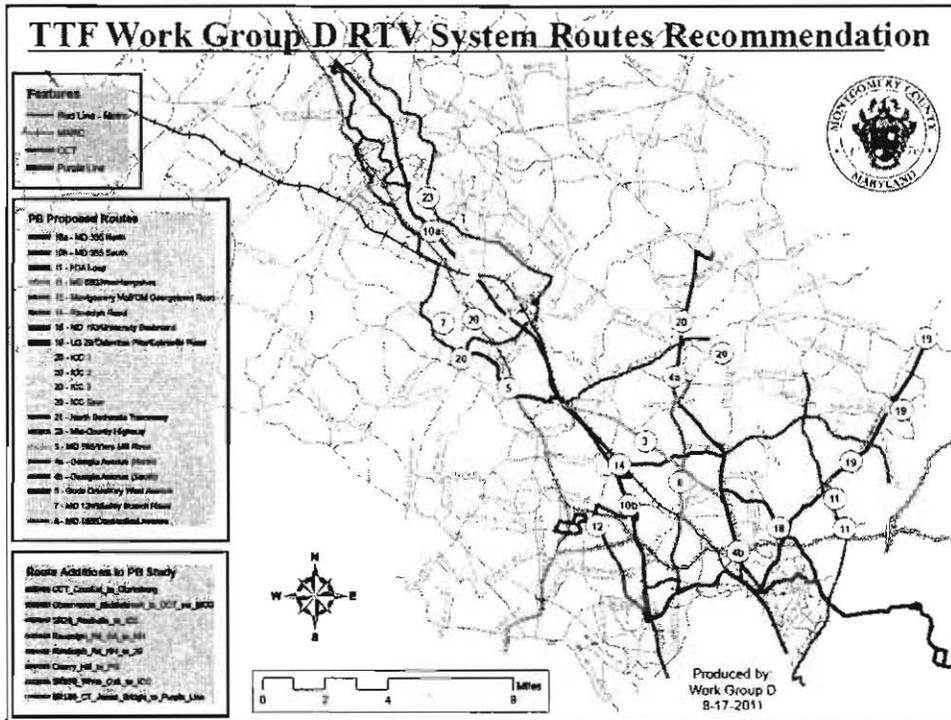
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Francine	Waters	Lerner Enterprises
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Mark	Winston	Task Force Chair
Ex-Officio		
Brian	Feldman	MD General Assembly
Rob	Garagiola	MD General Assembly
Steve	Silverman	Dept. of Economic Development
Tom	Street	Office of the County Executive
Joan	Kleinman (Van Hollen designee)	U.S. House of Representatives
Terra	Sabag (Edwards designee)	U.S. House of Representatives
Ken	Reichard (Cardin designee)	U.S. Senate

Mission Statement and Objective

Our mission is to advise the County Executive on how to make a comprehensive rapid transit system in Montgomery County a reality, and to be advocates for developing and implementing a world-class, county-wide, rapid transit system that is safe, efficient and effectively moves people throughout the County.

Our objective is to have a fully-built-out system in place and operating in the 5 to 8 year time frame.

This approach will result in the development of a system that Could have between 150 and 170 miles of length.



Transit Task Force

- Appointed by the County Executive in February 2011
- Held first session on March 23rd
- 20 Community members and elected officials
- 7~~6~~ ex-officio members

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The Task Force Process

Briefed on:

- (a) Pending applications for Federal funding of the Purple Line and the Corridor Cities Transit Way as light rail
- (b) The condition of the Maryland State Transportation Trust Fund
- (c) The performance of the Ride-On bus system

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The Task Force Process

- d) The authority of, and the conditions under which the County may form special taxing districts and issue bonds to fund transit infrastructure and development
- e) Alternative ways in which public-private partnerships may be used to contribute to the development and operation of a transit system
- f) Prototypical capital costs for the development of bus rapid transit networks and operating costs of such networks

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Task Force Working Groups

- Four current Working Groups:
 - A) System Design Attributes
 - B) Ancillary Facilities
 - C) Economic Case
 - D) Routes and Development Sequencing

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Task Force Working Groups

- One future Working Group
 - The Finance Working Group

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Task Force Timeline

- End of November/December 2011
 - Work Group efforts will be completed
- End of the year 2011
 - Final Report – Adoption by the County Executive and presentation to the Montgomery County Council for further action

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Summary of Investments

- **\$500,000** invested by the County for the Parsons Brinckerhoff BRT feasibility study
- **\$250,000** invested by the County for transportation planning and financial advisory services
- **\$250,000** Initial investment by the Rockefeller Foundation

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Task Force Needs

- Preparation of an economic benefit impact analysis
- Refining of capital and operating costs
- Funding travel to visit localities with existing comparable facilities to those contemplated, i.e. multi-route segments systems
- Branding and marketing the system
- Preparation of an assessment of RTV impact on air quality
- Decisions on information technology to be utilized
- How to integrate current transit services with the RTV system
- Prepare submission to include RTV system in Regional Constrained Financial Plan

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