

Councilmembers: Please bring your July 21 and November 3 packets to this worksession.

MEMORANDUM

November 13, 2009

TO: County Council
FROM: Glenn Orlin, ^{GO}Deputy Council Staff Director
SUBJECT: **Action**—Locally Preferred Alternative for I-270 Improvements and Corridor Cities Transitway

The purpose of this worksession is for the Council to prepare recommendations to the Maryland Department of Transportation as to what should be the Locally Preferred Alternatives for the CCT and I-270—in as much detail as possible. The main issues and options are listed below. The T&E Committee’s recommendations are in **bold print**:

CCT mode of transit

- 1. ___ No build
- 2. ___ Bus rapid transit (BRT)
- 3. ___ **Light rail transit (LRT)**

Alignment

- 1. ___ Master planned alignment
- 2. ___ Master planned alignment w/Kentlands and Crown Farm shifts
- 3. ___ **Master planned alignment w/Kentlands, Crown Farm, and LSC shifts (with relocated DANAC station)**

Location of yard & shop (if BRT)

- 1. ___ Redland Road (Shady Grove)
- 2. ___ Crabbs Branch Way (Shady Grove)
- 3. ___ **Police vehicle impound lot (Metropolitan Grove)**
- 4. ___ Observation Drive (COMSAT)
- 5. ___ off-line (location TBD)

Location of yard & shop (if LRT)

- 1. ___ Redland Road (Shady Grove)
- 2. ___ PEPCO (Metropolitan Grove)
- 3. ___ **Police vehicle impound lot (Metropolitan Grove)**

I-270 options (all but Alts. 1 & 2 include Newcut Road interchange)

1. ___ Alternative 1 - no build
2. ___ Alternative 2 - TSM/TDM
3. ___ Alternative 3 - Master Plan/HOV Lanes
4. ___ Alternative 4 - Master Plan/General Purpose Lanes (GPL)
5. ___ Alternative 5 - 'Enhanced' Master Plan/HOV + GPL
6. ___ Alternative 6 - 'Enhanced' Master Plan/2 managed lanes
7. ___ Alternative 7 - 'Enhanced' Master Plan/4 managed lanes
8. ___ **Alternative 7 with only 2 reversible managed lanes**

Type of managed lanes (all with direct access ramps)

1. ___ High-occupancy-vehicle - HOV (carpools, vanpools, & buses only)
2. ___ **High-occupancy-toll – HOT (HOVs free; others tolled)**
3. ___ Express toll lanes - ETL (buses free; carpools, vanpools & others tolled)

After the Council's decision a letter will be crafted in the next few days that would transmit the Council's recommendations formally to the Secretary of Transportation. As had been done previously with the Intercounty Connector and the Purple Line, we should strive to have this be a joint letter with the County Executive.