

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY / NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY BETHESDA
BRAC INTEGRATION COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY – SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**

- **Ilaya Hopkins called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.**
 - Ilaya asked members of the BIC to introduce themselves and give a brief description of the community or institution they represent and their particular issues relating to NSAB or BRAC.

- **NSAB Updates:**
 - Two new key personnel from NSAB introduced themselves: Captain Marvin Jones, the new NSAB Commanding Officer, and Luke Armstrong, the new Community Planning Liaison Officer. They join Ryan Emery and Ron Inman, Transportation Program Manager and Public Affairs Manager, respectively, as NSAB’s representatives to the community. Captain Jones plans to serve a three-year term as CO, rather than the typical two years.

- **Updates from Phil Alperson, Montgomery County Military Installations (BRAC) Coordinator:**
 - **Matters discussed at BIC meetings are detailed chronologically with background material on the website’s “Get Involved” Page:**
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brctmpl.asp?url=/Content/EXEC/brac/getinvolved.asp>
 - **Printable Timeline: Anticipated Construction-Related Traffic Disruptions in Bethesda:**
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/resources/files/brac_projects_timeline.pdf
 - **BRAC Transportation Projects and Commuting Options:**
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brctmpl.asp?url=/content/exec/brac/projects_glance.asp

 - **Phil urged BIC members to use the SHA Contact Forms that are posted on the web site if they have questions or concerns about specific Intersection Improvement Projects, or any SHA project in the area:**
 - **Rockville Pike (MD 355) / Cedar Lane Intersection Project:**
<http://apps.roads.maryland.gov/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectSchedule.aspx?projectno=MO5935215>

he has not seen the bios. MCDOT may announce a selection in mid-December, but Phil noted that the timeframe may be extended because both bidders submitted Alternative Technical Proposals that require further analysis.

- **MCDOT Presentation (requires Adobe Flash Player):**
https://prezi.com/vyzxo9dddmj2/md-355-crossing-brac/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy
 - **PDF version (6 pp):**
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/Resources/Files/MMX-MCDOT-BIC-RFP-120214.pdf>
 - **CROSSING PROJECT OVERVIEW:**
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/projects/metro_mc.html
- **SHA Updates: SHA Project Manager Kevin Oberheim provided the following notes:**
 - **MO5935270 – MD 355 (Rockville Pike) at Cedar Lane:** “We are currently installing the new culvert within the center of MD 355, with traffic currently split around the work zone. Cedar Lane and W. Cedar Lane have been shifted to the south to allow construction of the new sidewalk and mixed-use trail along the north side of Cedar and W. Cedar to be completed. This work is expected to last through the fall. We have a tentative traffic shift date of 9/27 to move to Phase 5, which will shift MD 355 SB traffic to the east. The culvert work will then continue on the west side of MD 355. As of today I cannot commit to any dates on when currently closed lanes will be reopened, but as we have said in the past, if/when we can ease the traffic pattern we most certainly will. We are still scheduled to be completed in late summer 2016.”
 - **MO5935370 – MD 187 (Old Georgetown Road) at West Cedar Lane:** “Work continues intermittently on the north side of W. Cedar to widen W. Cedar for a new right turn lane to MD 187 NB. Several utility issues that have impacted progress have started resolution and additional work areas should open up in the next 1-3 months. A preliminary plan for accessing and working on NIH property was sent to Phil Neuberg in August but no comments or response was received. Nothing else to update on this project at this time.”
- **MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:**
 - Delegate Al Carr (District 18) read a WSSC notice of impending pipe replacement on Cedar Lane/Summit Avenue in Kensington.
 - Concerns were raised about the timing of traffic signals in the area, particularly at NSAB or NIH gates that are closed on weekends.

- Questions were raised about northbound MD 355 between the Navy's North Gate and Cedar Lane, and whether an apparent bump-out will be removed. Currently, the bump-out restricts free flow for traffic heading from the North Gate to make a right turn onto eastbound Cedar Lane.
- **Ilaya adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the BCC Regional Services Center.**

BRAC Committee members in attendance, September 15, 2015:

Nancy Abeles, Bethesda Crest Home Owners Association
 Phil Alperson, Montgomery County Military Installations (BRAC) Coordinator
 Jeff Burton for Dave Dabney, Bethesda Urban Partnership
 Ken Hartman, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center
 Ilaya Hopkins, East Bethesda Citizens Assn. and Chair of the BRAC Integration Committee
 Ed Krauze, Bethesda Parkview Citizens Association
 Richard Levine, Locust Hill Citizens Association
 Janet Maalouf, Maplewood Citizens Association
 Marilyn Mazuzan, Town of Oakmont
 Sara Morningstar, Montgomery County Office of Intergovernmental Relations
 Susan Roberts for Phil Neuberger, National Institutes of Health
 Patrick O'Neil, Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce
 Leslie Weber, Suburban Hospital (Johns Hopkins Medicine)

Ex-officio:

Captain Marvin Jones, Naval Support Activity-Bethesda
 Ryan Emery, Naval Support Activity-Bethesda
 Ron Inman, Naval Support Activity-Bethesda
 Luke Armstrong, Naval Support Activity-Bethesda
 Joan Kleinman, Office of Congressman Chris Van Hollen
 Drew Morrison, Office of Council Member Roger Berliner

Other Attendees

Hon. Al Carr, Delegate, District 18
 Dawn Chaikin
 Aaron Kraut, Bethesda Now
 Jeanette Musil, DOD Office of Economic Adjustment
 Paul Seder
 Susan Sharp, Sharp & Company
 John Stovall, Maryland Dept. of Business & Economic Development, Office of Military Affairs