

## **BRAC IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY – JANUARY 15, 2008**

- John Carman called the Committee to order at 7:30 p.m.
- Updates: Phil informed the Committee that several County agencies have provided comments on the Draft EIS: MNCPPC, DPWT, Dept. of Environmental Protection, Fire and Rescue Service, and Dept. of Permitting Services. John and certain Committee members testified at Park and Planning on Jan. 10; Phil testified before the County Council on Jan. 15.
- John initiated a discussion of the Committee's DRAFT letter to County executive Leggett regarding the Draft EIS. The Committee made some changes and agreed that the letter should be sent. .
- John initiated a lengthy discussion of potential funding sources for transportation projects. These may include Defense Access Road (DAR) grants). Cyrena Eitler offered assistance from the DOD Office of Economic Adjustment to identify other funding sources. Dennis Coleman noted that provisions in the DAR statutes may permit the State of Maryland to apply for a DAR grant to fund circumferential roads and evacuation routes. The community needs to work directly with NNMC officials regarding DAR and other sources of federal funding, and Phil and Melanie will work on intergovernmental strategies. Phil will continue to develop federal appropriations strategies, including possible earmarks, transportation authorization funding, and emergency military operations funding. State and local funding opportunities were discussed. The County announced its Capital Improvement Plan today; pedestrian trails for Bethesda were not included but there may be an opportunity to amend the CIP. The State's Capital Budget will be revealed soon. Hopefully, some of the County's short-term requests will be included.
- The Committee discussed future plans and strategies, which include pursuing County funding of area pedestrian paths, working with the State to add relevant projects to the CTP, working with NNMC to secure DAR funding, and working with OEA to develop other funding strategies. The Committee expressed a desire for another, more comprehensive transportation study and funding for the Metro entrance; Cyrena suggested that IOEA might be able to assist.
- There were no additional public comments.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.
- The next Committee meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. at the Stone Ridge School (not the BCC Services Center)

**Committee members in attendance, January 15, 2008:**

Phil Alpers, County BRAC Coordinator  
Jon Alterman, Bethesda Parkview Citizens Assn.  
John Carman, Committee Chairman  
Brian Gragnolati, Suburban Hospital  
Ilaya Hopkins, East Bethesda Citizens Assn.  
Ginanne Italiano, GBCCC  
Richard Lashley, Bethesda Urban Partnership  
Janet Maalouf, Maplewood Citizens Assn.  
Bill McGlockton, Stone Ridge School  
Deborah Michaels, Glenbrook Village Homeowners Assn.  
Mohammad Siddique, DPWT  
Paul Thaler, Locust Hill Citizens Assn.  
Melanie Wenger, County Intergovernmental Relations  
Ron Wilson for Dan Wheeland, NIH

**Ex-officio:**

Delegate Bill Bronrott  
Sue Tabach (Sen. Mikulski)  
Ken Reichard (Sen. Cardin)  
Joan Kleinman (Rep. Van Hollen)  
Rebecca Lord (Councilmember Berliner)  
David "Ollie" Oliveria, NNMC

**Other attendees**

Tom Breach, mobtelevision.com  
Gerald Cichy, MD Transit Administration  
Dennis Coleman, NIH  
Cyrena Eitler, OEA  
Neil Greene, ACT  
Leslie Hamm, BCC Services Center  
Richard Hoyer (Councilmember Duchy Trachtenberg)  
Tracey Johnston, Action Committee for Transit (ACT)  
Jim Noone, The Washington Group  
Mal Rivkin  
Herbert Stone