

**Silver Spring
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
September 15, 2016**

Item 1 – Introductions/Chair Comments: **Reemberto Rodriquez** called to order the joint meeting of the Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Board and the Silver Spring Transportation Management District Committee. Mr. Rodriguez explained that both groups work on issues important to the Silver Spring Central Business District and share interests, such as the Purple Line, which will interface in downtown Silver Spring with two station stops.

Members and guests introduced themselves.

Item 2 Purple Line Presentation-Mike Madden, Maryland Dept. of Transportation (MDOT) Project Director: **Mr. Madden** reported that the Purple Line project is a 16-mile light rail line that will connect Prince George’s County and Montgomery County, linking Silver Spring in addition to other downtown areas and the Metro and Commuter rail systems. Some of the points discussed:

- Operation hours will be similar to Metro’s
- Travel times and economic benefits of the system, such as job connections and development
- Private-Public Partnership (P3)
- The design team will provide the financing, operations and maintain of the Purple Line system for a 30-year period

Questions/Discussion:

- Description of the pedestrian warning devices to be installed
- How the system will pay for itself and produce revenue
- Keeping the area walkable during construction-the Purple Line team will work with the County to mitigate traffic and pedestrian circulation problems
- How to resolve problems discovered while building the system without being locked into contracts-resolved by the design process that will have the ability to make changes
- How the scheduled demolition will be handled and the future BRT’s impact on Purple Line’s construction; construction interruptions will occur but will work with the County and other agencies to keep to a minimum
- Security for the Purple Line will include closed circuit TV monitoring-no decision on the agency that will do the actual policing of the system
- Richard Bingham, Silver Spring Urban District Director, described the “Red Shirts” role downtown, explaining that they are not police, but provide security by observing, documenting and reporting to various agencies
- The major construction staging areas will be at the Spring Center and the green space at the Transit Center
- Artists for the project were selected based on qualifications of integrating art into architecture
- Bikes will be allowed on the Purple Line system
- No additional public parking; however, employees will have designated space
- Reinstating an Interim Operating Site Committee IOS to monitor pedestrian safety and navigation during the construction process

Item 3 – Adjourn: Next meeting of the Silver Spring TMD Advisory Committee - October 13, 2016