

SSCAB Meeting Summary – November 9, 2015- **DRAFT v02**

Attendance

■	Bernice North-Chair	■	Matthew Losak- Nbrhd	X	Jessica Simon
■	Edward Levy –Vice-Chair	■	Prajakta Kasbekar	■	Mary Ann Zimmerman
■	Mark Mendez -Secretary	■	Daniel Morales - SSUD	■	Suzy Zuzy
X	Jay Wilson –Parliamentary VC	■	DeAndre Morrow -CED		
■	Jonathan Bernstein - TREE	X	Sigurd Neubauer		
X	Stacey Brown - CED	■	Uri Pasternak		
■	Phillip Dittner	■	Sara Sheppard - TREE		

Present: ■ Absent: X

1. *Welcome/Introductions:* Chair Bernice North called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm (special early start time due to packed agenda).
2. *Acceptance of last meeting summary:* October 12, 2015 meeting minutes approved.
3. *Public Safety Report:* Sgt. Ian Clarke, 3rd District Police, reported on activity as of 11/4/15
 - 7 robberies
 - 8 residential /commercial burglaries
 - 20 thefts from autos.
 - Couple robberies at bus stops in Long Branch, University Blvd corridor
 - Noted 5 robberies at ATMs over a longer period of time on Flower Ave.
4. *Public Safety Report:* Steve Jones, MoCo Fire and Rescue:
 - Number of calls is up over typical 5% annual increase
 - Big uptick in kitchen fires-see prevention advice and other information in 1st Battalion Facebook
 - New training on CPR procedures –Advanced Life Support – has dramatically increased success rates from 5-10% to 40%
5. *Charter review Commission:* Paul Bessel- County Council appoints an eleven-member, bi-partisan, Charter Review Commission to study the County Charter every four years. Commission meets monthly.
 - Watch for public hearing in Jan 2016 to amend charter to put in a provision for election to replace a county executive who steps down while in office. On ballot in Nov 2016.
6. *Transportation Projects-pt 1:* Paul Joana Conklin (MCDOT) presented overview of Bus Rapid Transit or BRT, also known as VRT for Vehicle Rapid Transit.
 - BRT compared to ‘light rail on rubber tires’, allows for multiple door entry and performs best on dedicated lanes. Dedicated lanes can benefit and will improve standard bus service.
 - BRT is more cost effective than light rail as a transportation method.
 - BRT offers flexibility (of routing) and reliability that attracts ‘choice riders’ or those with cars who will choose to use the system.
 - County-wide Master plan has proposed a 102 mile network - 10 corridors and CCT.
 - Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT) has state funding in place for Planning/Design/ROW acquisition. Not yet funded for construction.
7. *Transportation Projects-pt 2:* Tamika Gauvin (MTA) presented overview of US-29 BRT- 12 mile route, with 12 stations between Downtown Silver Spring and Burtonsville.
 - Route will offer high frequency, high-speed, all-day transit to a growing area.

- County estimates increases of 13K residents, 17K households and 78K jobs in the study area surrounding the US-29 route by 2040.
 - Funding is approved through summer of 2016
8. Transportation Projects-pt 3: SSCAB's Praj Kasbekar has participated in Montgomery County Transit Task Force that has studied the route and its impact since 2012. Praj noted that after meeting resistance for an Independent Transit Authority (ITA), County Exec Leggett has called for greater public education and engagement on the project. Task force has produced a 129 page overview that is now online along with a 15-page summary.
9. Transportation Projects-pt 4: Mike Madden (MTA) presented overview of Purple Line (PL)-a Public-Private-Partnership (P3) project -16 mile route, with 21 stations- noting that 9 are in Silver Spring.
- Route includes two sections where it will co-exist with car traffic and 3 miles on former Georgetown Branch railway, and a 1200 foot tunnel
 - Trains are planned to run every 7.5 minutes at peak times, 10-15 off-peak
 - PL offers slightly faster travel times compared to current bus options. Best performance is between Downtown Silver Spring and Bethesda over what is now Capital Crescent Trail.
 - The county projects ridership of 64K per day in 2030 and 74K by 2040
 - Counties have committed funding requested by Governor. Federal funds uncertain
 - Winning bidder or P3 'concessionaire' will provide funding to allow project to start. County will pay that money back at interest rate to be determined.
 - County will offer support to 400 MoCo businesses along the construction route to help them 'survive' the disruption during that phase.
 - MTA will 'own' the project and be the face of the PL throughout construction
 - County will form CATS (Community Advisory Teams) in 2016 once the concessionaire is selected
 - Timeline: P3 selected early 2016/construction starts late 2016/Service 2021
10. Transportation Projects- QnA – Representatives from Four-Corners questioned the projected US 29 service area increases of 13K residents, 17K households and 78K jobs, and criticized the overall level of detail given \$25M BRT Study budget. Questions were cut short due to time and packed agenda. It was agreed that topic was too ambitious to fit within other meeting items.
11. *Councilmember(s) Updates: Dave Asche (Hucker) reported on council issues.*
- Councilmember Hucker had supported ITA, but saw that more public education was required. Watch for that proposal to resurface in 2016
 - Compared salaries of MoCo Directors with other jurisdictions. Moco has third highest.
 - Pushing to improve 311 reporting to provide more data in real time.
 - Looking to revive multi-agency attention to improve 16th Street Circle
12. *Councilmember(s) Updates: Debbie Spielberg (Elrich) reported on council issues*
- Tenant Legislation going to council for vote in 2016
13. *Committee Reports:*
- CED – October meeting held on VanGo, November meeting to look at youth (ages 15-24) employment issues. This group is unemployed at 2X the national average.
 - Neighborhoods-Ongoing study of Schools. October meeting with Bruce Crispell looked at shifting demographics as minorities become the majority population. November 23 meeting to include Board of Ed's Jill Ortman-Fouse will include economy and housing and how they impact schools and services
 - TREE – No October Meeting. Upcoming topic will focus on pedestrian/biking safety

14. Board Chair's Report: Bernice North

- Jay Wilson to resign as he is moving out of Montgomery County.
- Three new Board members to join upon county council approval .
- Ed Levy to organize SSCAB's role in Thanksgiving Day parade on 11/21.
- December meeting will be 'Pot Luck' on 12/14

15. Director's Report: Bethesda Regional Director Ken Hartman sitting in for Reemberto Rodriguez who was supporting county sponsored trip to El Salvador. Ken appreciated the lively and active participation from Silver Spring community and board members.

16. New Business: No New Business

17. Adjourn: 9:10