

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY / NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY BETHESDA
BRAC INTEGRATION COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY – JANUARY 10, 2017**

- Ilaya Hopkins called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. BIC and audience members introduced themselves, with a special welcome to Kathleen Connor representing Congressman Jamie Raskin.
- 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 reminded the Committee to get traffic and BRAC news and information first by following Montgomery County BRAC on Twitter @BracMoCoMD .
- Phil reported that SHA had provided a written update on Intersection Improvement Projects at MD 355/Cedar Lane and at MD 187/West Cedar Lane.
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/Resources/Files/BIC-SHA_Update-011017.pdf.
 - The MD 355 Project is virtually complete, with some sidewalk and landscaping remaining, and the re-undergrounding of telecommunications cables.
 - The MD 187 Project is approximately 50% complete and is currently in routine partial winter shutdown.
- Anyesha Mookherjee of SHA led an informative discussion on traffic signaling on MD 355 (Rockville Pike) at Cedar Lane and at Jones Bridge Road. Anyesha's talking points can be found here:
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/Resources/Files/SHA-BIC-SIGNALS_INTERSECTIONS-011017.pdf
Main issues included, but were not limited to:
 - Left turn signaling from southbound MD 355 onto eastbound Cedar Lane.
 - Right turn signaling from westbound Cedar Lane onto northbound MD 355.
 - Recently activated Dynamic signaling from southbound MD 355 onto eastbound Jones Bridge Road.

- **MD 355 Multimodal Crossing Project:**
 - **Phil reported that the project received permits in December to proceed from the County's Dept. of Environmental Protection, and that Clark Construction had issued a notice that work would begin shortly.**
 - <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/Resources/Files/MMX-MCDEP-NoiseWaiverCertExtend-011117.pdf>
 - <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/Resources/Files/MMX-MCDOT-NoticeOfConstruction-121216.pdf>
 - **Frank Kingsley of MCDOT, who has replaced Tim Cupples as the project manager, informed the Committee that Clark Construction has begun “test pitting” at the project site, in advance of utilities relocation.**
<http://www.bethesdamagazine.com/Bethesda-Beat/2017/Crews-Take-First-Steps-on-Tunnel-Project-To-Link-NIH-Walter-Reed/>
- **Andrew Bossi of MCDOT provided updates on two MCDOT projects that are not, technically, BRAC but are BRAC-related:**
 - **Elmhirst Parkway Bridge reconstruction in the Locust Hill neighborhood.**
 - The bridge is now closed; project is 90% complete and estimated April reopening is still on track, weather permitting
 - Recent work: Installed Stream Bed Material & Pre-Cast Arch + Wingwalls; now removing the “H” Beam Shoring System
 - Upcoming: Backfill pre-cast arch culvert, Pave over culvert, Install guardrail, Place minor landscaping
 - **MCDOT Project Announcement:**
http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=14005
 - **Platt Ridge Drive extension:**
 - Procurement “Invitation for Bid (IFB)” package approved. MCDOT will advertise the project once a ROW Commitment date is established.
 - Working w/ County Council to approve the land transfer.
 - Construction expected later 2017, weather permitting. This project is separate from the SHA intersection project at MD 185/Jones Bridge Road.
 - **MCDOT Time-lapse Project Webcam:**
<https://www.workzonecam.com/projects/montgomery/elmhirstparkway/workzonecam2>
 - **MCDOT Project Description:**
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/projects/platt_ridge.html

- **NIH UPDATES:** Susan Roberts reported that NIH is working with SHA to make sure a safety fence is erected along the culvert at the southwest corner of the MD 355/Cedar Lane intersection adjacent to NIH property. There is also new lighting along the shared use path ON MD 355 in front of NIH. On-campus construction includes new water towers and ongoing renovations to Building 10
- **NSAB UPDATES:** Captain Jones, Luke Armstrong and Ryan Emery are in frequent communication with residents of adjoining neighborhoods to resolve issues related to construction on the NSAB campus. NSAB strives to be a good neighbor and is sensitive to matters such as overflow contractor parking and construction-related noise.
- **COMMUNITY ISSUES:**
 - Leslie Weber of Johns Hopkins/Suburban Medicine said that new garage construction is moving forward at the hospital.
 - Richard Levine has been working with SHA and Verizon to resolve the re-undergrounding of telecommunications cables at the 355/Cedar Lane intersection.
 - Nancy Abeles noted that unidentified heavy construction vehicles continue to short-cut through Maplewood and particularly on private roads in Cedar Crest, causing damage to private property and roadways.
 - Janet Maalouf raised a concern about a private homeowner's tall fence that and the dangerous sightlines where the Trolley Trail meets Alta Vista Road at Old Georgetown Road. SHA is working on a southern extension of the Trail at that point. Phil said he would look into whether the fence is in compliance with County codes if he can verify the actual address of the offending fence.
- **Ilaya adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the BCC Regional Services Center.**

BRAC Committee members in attendance, January 10, 2017:

Nancy Abeles, Bethesda Crest
 Steve Aldrich, Montgomery County Planning Dept., M-NCPPC
 Phil Alperson, Montgomery County Military Installations (BRAC) Coordinator
 Ilaya Hopkins, East Bethesda Citizens Assn. and Chair of the BRAC Integration Committee
 Ginanne Italiano, Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce
 Frank Kingsley, Montgomery County Dept. of Transportation
 Ed Krauze, Bethesda Parkview Citizens Association
 Richard Levine, Locust Hill Citizens Association
 Janet Maalouf, Maplewood Citizens Association
 Debbie Michaels, Glenbrook Village Home Owners Association
 Sara Morningstar, Montgomery County Office of Intergovernmental Relations
 Patrick O'Neil, Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce
 Eric Osberg, Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart
 Susan Roberts, National Institutes of Health
 Leslie Weber, Suburban Hospital (Johns Hopkins Medicine)

Ex-officio:

Captain Marvin Jones, Naval Support Activity Bethesda
Ryan Emery, Installation Transportation Officer, Naval Support Activity Bethesda
Luke Armstrong, Community Liaison Officer, Naval Support Activity Bethesda
Ken Reichard, Office of Senator Ben Cardin
Joan Kleinman, Office of Senator Chris Van Hollen
Kathleen Connor, Office of Congressman Jamie Raskin
Aaron Kraut, Office of Council Member Roger Berliner
Constanza Rodriguez, Office of Delegate Marc Korman

Other Attendees (signed in)

Deanna Archey, Montgomery County Dept. of Transportation
Andrew Bossi, Montgomery County Dept. of Transportation
Peter Chase, Clark Construction
Gerald Cichy, Montgomery County Planning Board, M-NCPPC
Maricela Cordova-Garcia, Clark Construction
Charise Geiling, Sharp & Company
Jeff Griffith
Michelle Katzur
Ran Katzur
Kira Lueders
Christine May
Mike May
Anyesha Mookherjee, MD State Highway Administration (SHA)
Jeanette Musil, DOD Office of Economic Adjustment
John Stovall, MD Dept. of Commerce
Bob Young