

T&E COMMITTEE #1
June 29, 2009

MEMORANDUM

June 25, 2009

TO: Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee
FROM: ^{GD} Glenn Orlin, Deputy Council Staff Director
SUBJECT: Bus Rapid Transit

The T&E Committee Chair has asked for a briefing on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). This briefing will be in three parts:

- Council staff will begin with an overview of BRT, including examples from around the country and the world.
- Nat Bottigheimer, the Planning Director of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), will describe the ongoing study to upgrade service on the Metrobus Q2 line between Silver Spring and Shady Grove, on a route that traverses Georgia Avenue, Veirs Mill Road, and MD 355.
- Edgar Gonzalez, Deputy Director for Transportation Policy of the County Department of Transportation will discuss the upcoming State Highway Administration/Maryland Transit Administration preliminary engineering study for the Veirs Mill Road BRT (\$6,000,000 funded in FYs10-13 by the County) and the Countywide BRT facility planning study (\$500,000 funded in FY10 by the County).