

MD 355 North CAC Meeting #11

October 4, 2017



INTRODUCTIONS

Agenda

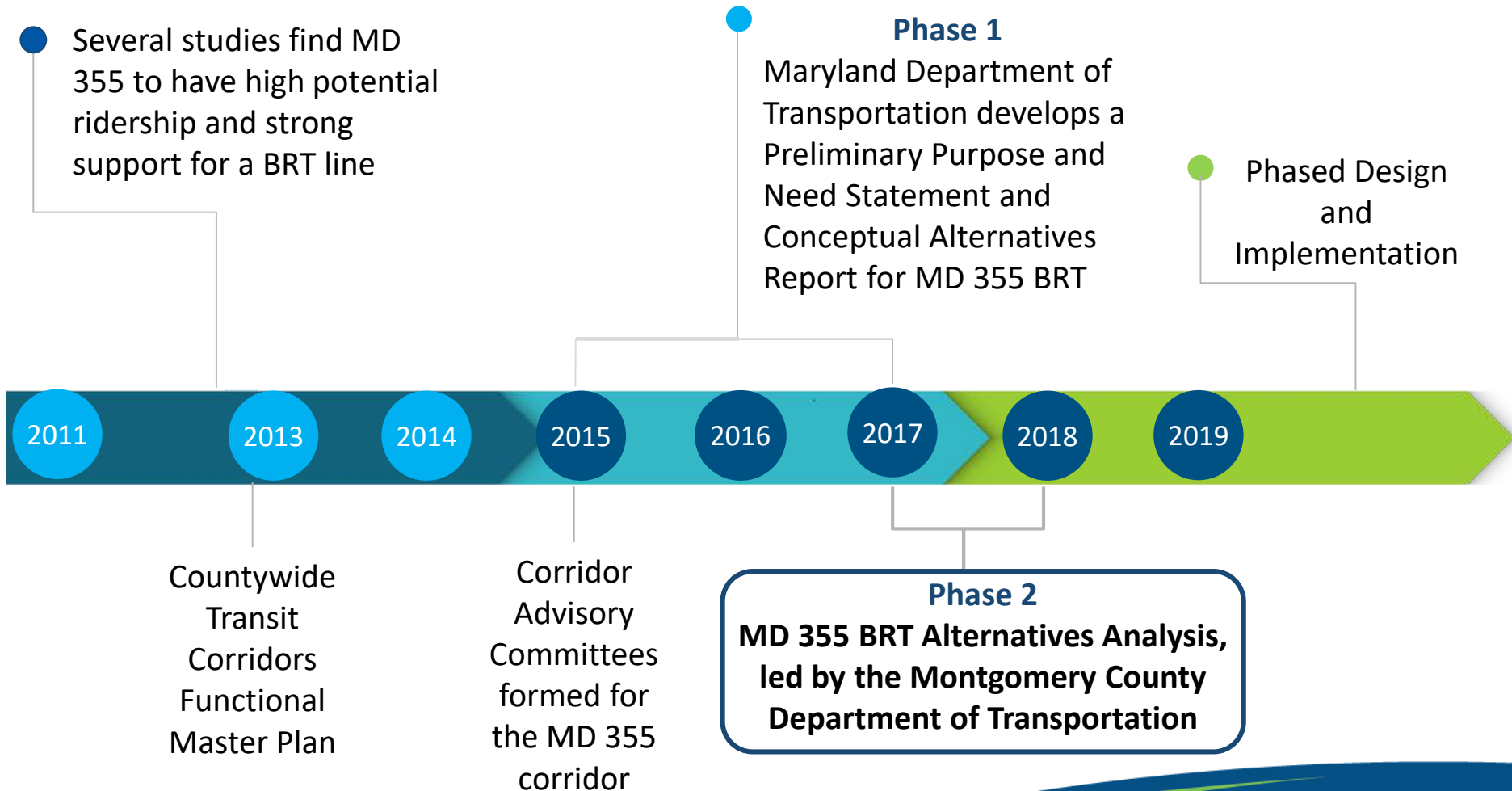
- Phase 2 Objectives
- Phase 2 Alternatives
- Stations Activity – Overview and Q&A for:
 - Phase 2 Objectives
 - Public Involvement
 - Goals and Measures of Effectiveness for evaluating alternatives
 - Build Alternatives (A, B, and C)
- Next Steps

Expectations

- Meetings should be informative and interactive.
- CAC members are project ambassadors and help to enhance inclusiveness of public involvement.
- Please keep standard ground rules in mind and encourage participation by all CAC members.

PHASE 2 OBJECTIVES

MD 355 BRT Project Timeline



What Are We Doing in Phase 2?

Objective: Identify one Recommended Alternative (RA)

Project elements include:

- Documenting **environmental, cultural, and property impacts**
- Conducting **detailed engineering** for each alternative
- Implementing a robust **public involvement** process to consider local priorities and issues
- Identifying/refine **station locations**
- Developing a BRT and local **bus service plan**
- Recommending **implementation phases**

Phase 2: What's New?

- Objective: Identifying one Recommended Alternative (RA)
- Additional alternatives and alignments
- Level and depth of analysis
- Additional focus on quantitative evaluation

Phase 2 Elements and Schedule



SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT AS NEEDED

★ = CAC ☆ = OPEN HOUSE ● = FOCUS GROUPS

PHASE 2 ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives

Alternative	Features
No-Build Alternative	Ride On extRa service, including Transit Signal Priority (TSP), implemented in October 2017
TSM Alternative	Ride On extRa service from Bethesda to Clarksburg, including extension of TSP
Alternative A Mixed Traffic with BRT Features	Mixed traffic operations
Alternative B Mostly Median-Running	Dedicated median lanes where feasible
Alternative C Mostly Curb-Running	Dedicated curb lanes where feasible
Build Alternatives (A, B, and C) all include: Queue jumps, additional TSP, off-board fare collection, level boarding, new BRT vehicles, upgraded stations, and <i>Flash</i> branding.	

CAC PROGRAM AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CAC Program – Schedule and Topics

CAC Meeting #12 <i>Winter 2018</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local bus service planning• Station location criteria• Detailed engineering
CAC Meeting #13 <i>Summer 2018</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MD 355 travel modeling• Stormwater management and treatment options• Bicycle and pedestrian issues and accommodations• Transit Signal Priority
Open houses	
CAC Meeting #14 <i>Fall 2018</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommended Alternative, including the operations and service plan, and the final report• Outcomes from public involvement• Exchange of information between CACs• Environmental considerations• Explanation of next steps

**Note: All meeting dates/timeframes and topics are subject to adjustment due to project updates, meeting site availability, or other factors.*

STATIONS ACTIVITY

Phase 2 Objectives

Public Involvement

Measures of Effectiveness

Alternative A

Alternative B

Alternative C

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