

## **SSUDAC Meeting Summary**

### **December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Members Present:** Mussie Betre, Diana Brown, Jay Elvove, Amy Poisson, Juanita Stewart, Mel Tull

**Members Absent:** Brian Abramson, Carmen Camacho, David Fogel

#### **Call to Order and Introductions:**

- The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.
- The committee voted unanimously to approve the November meeting summary for the record.

#### **Purple Line Update**

Carla Julian & James Jewell, Purple Line Transit Constructors

- An overview of the Purple Line's construction impacts on the downtown Silver Spring area was presented, including discussion of the planned route, construction details and project timelines.
- Spring St. will be closed for three months, and there will be thirteen weekend closures on Colesville Rd. There will be additional construction work on Bonifant St. and Georgia Ave., done in multiple phases.
- Construction will begin in spring of 2018 (Bonifant St.) and be phased through 2020. Work will be limited to 40 hours per week.
- The Purple Line is slated to begin operation in 2022.

#### **Police Briefing & Crime Report**

Lt. Mark Sheelor, Montgomery County Police, Third District

- The police report for the month of December included a broken window at the library, a robbery and assault at 920 Ellsworth Dr., and a stabbing a Georgia Ave. & Sligo Ave.
- Thefts from vehicles continue to be an ongoing issue for the downtown area, and the police have made one arrest.

#### **Bus Rapid Transit**

Darcy Buckley, MCG Department of Transportation

- The Route 29 BRT system is currently in its design phase, with implementation scheduled to occur in 2018 and 2019.
- The routes will operate between the Burtonsville Park & Ride and the Silver Spring Transit Center, and from Castle Ridge to White Oak and finally to the Silver Spring Transit Center.

- The buses will make limited stops, have off-board fare collection of both cash and SmarTrip fares, and will feature all-door level boarding.
- Buses will be equipped with transit signal priority, allowing them to communicate with traffic signals.
- Ten new capital bikeshare stations will be included in the BRT station construction.
- Route operations are slated to begin in 2020.

### **Montgomery Parks Presentation**

Melissa Chotiner, Montgomery Parks

- Montgomery Parks representatives discussed the updated functional master plan for Montgomery County Parks, including integration of parks and other public spaces, promoting multiple types of social gathering spaces, and promoting walkability.
- The goal of the plan update is to focus on the direct and specific needs of communities, and to promote equity between community areas.

### **Silver Spring Urban District Report**

Richard Bingham, Silver Spring Urban District

- Mr. Bingham gave updates on the Urban District's current work, including the purchase of a street sweeping machine, continuation of recycling operations and departmental meetings with Park & Planning and the annual County snow summit.
- Coming fiscal year plans include the implementation of the dog waste stations, bringing trash collection in-house and a possible transition to 24-hour service.

### **Regional Area Director's Report**

Reemberto Rodriguez, Director, Silver Spring Regional Center

- The County's operating budget forum will take place on January 30, 2018.
- The Planning department will hold a presentation for upcoming development projects on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.