MCPB ITEM NO. > 11-9-06

October 26, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA:

Dan Hardy, Supervisor

Transportation Planning

FROM:

Tom Autrey, Supervisor

Transportation Planning

SUBJECT: Abandonment Case 688

Bonifant Street West of Ramsey Avenue

Silver Spring Central Business District (CBD)

Silver Spring, Maryland

This memo is staff's review of a request (attached) for comments on the proposed abandonment of a portion of Bonifant Street west of Ramsey Avenue in Silver Spring. The abandonment request is associated with the project to construct the Silver Spring Transit Center (SSTC).

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Board support approval of the proposed abandonment with the following conditions:

The proposed abandonment does not take effect until recordation of a plat reflecting the consolidation of the Silver Spring Transit Center property.

The final delineation of the area west of Ramsey Avenue to be abandoned should provide for sufficient remaining public right-of- way to permit implementation of the future roadway connection between Bonifant Street and Ripley Street to the south of the Silver Spring Transit Center consistent with the recommended Master Plan right-of- way of 70 feet for Ripley Street without impacting Lot 33 where the Lusk Building is located.

DISCUSSION

The proposed abandonment is associated with the Silver Spring Transit Center (SSTC) and has been referred by the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) for comment per Section 49-62 of the Montgomery County Code. DPWT Docket No. AB 688, describing the proposed abandonment, is included as Attachment No. 1.

The area comprising the right-of-way to be abandoned is almost wholly within the footprint of the planned three-level SSTC. The SSTC will be located approximately forty feet west of the intersection of Bonifant Street and Ramsey Avenue. The SSTC is an important public facility that is recommended by the February 2000 Approved and Adopted Silver Spring CBD Sector Plan.

The proposed abandonment area anticipates the future master planned roadway connection between Bonifant Street and Ripley Street. The precise delineation of the abandonment will need to reflect this future connection in a manner consistent with the Silver Spring Sector Plan without impacting Lot 33 where the Lusk Building is located.

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Staff finds that with the conditions described above, the public right-of-way proposed for abandonment is not needed for present or anticipated future public use and no landlocked parcels will be created.

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Cc: Michael Cassedy Debra Daniel Glenn Kreger

¹ Design Development Submission, Silver Spring Transit Center, April 28, 2006, Drawing C1.01.

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Director

September 15, 2006

Mr. Royce Hanson, Chairman Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910

RE: Request for Comments on Proposed Abandonment

AB688 – Abandonment of a portion of Bonifant Street west of Ramsey Avenue

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FROM:

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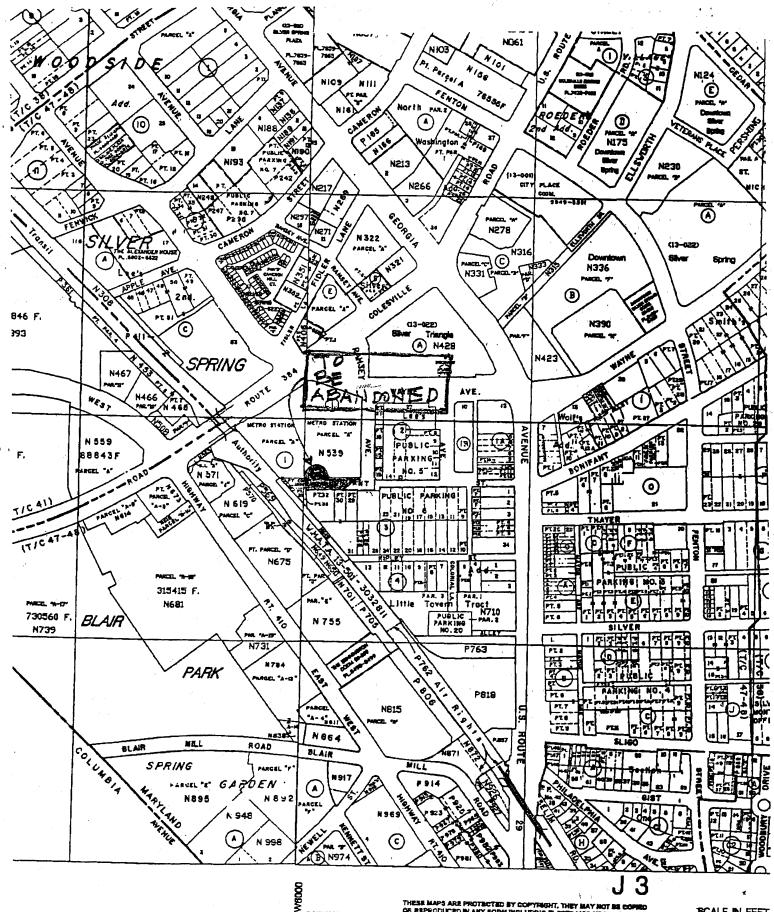
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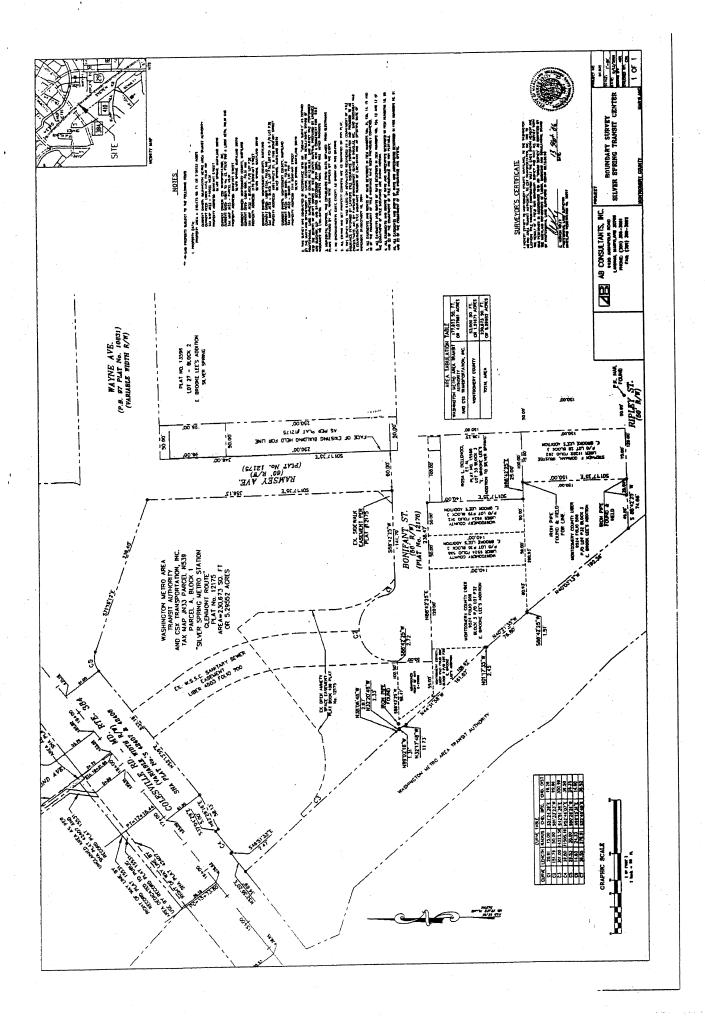
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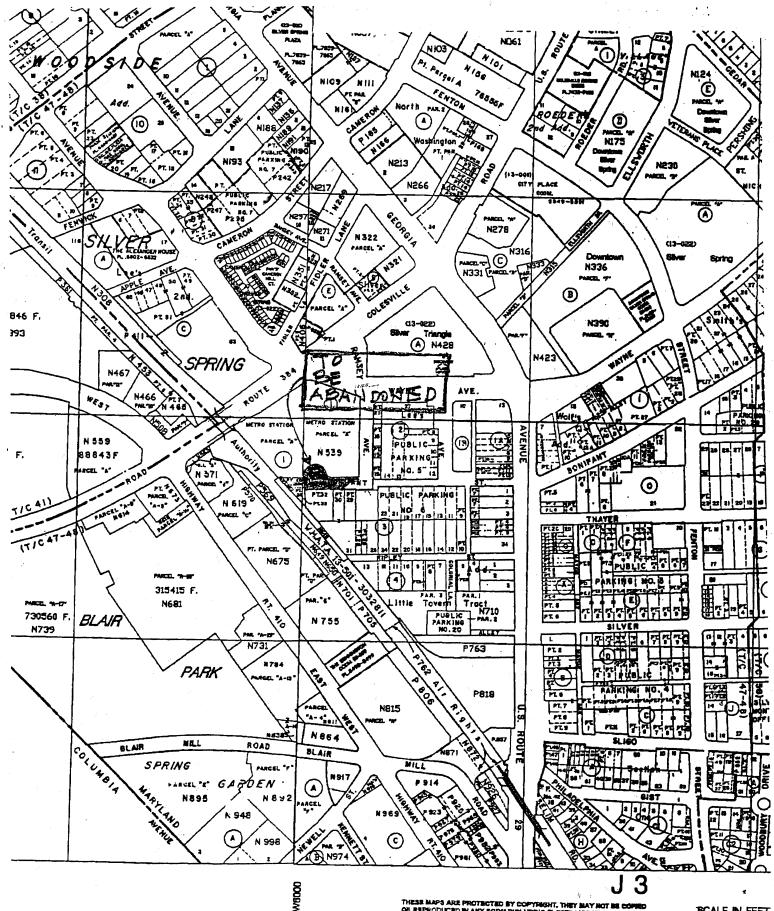
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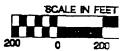
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