

Appendix B

Summary of Public Comments as of December 18, 2008

The following table presents a summary of public comments received by the Montgomery County Planning Department Chairman's Office via e-mail and/or letter through December 18, 2008. These comments are primarily carbon copies of public testimony provided to the Maryland Transit Administration.

A total of 232 e-mails and/or letters have been received. Where applicable, staff has categorized public comment by Purple Line mode and alignment. On the question of the preferred mode for the Purple Line, about one-sixth of the comments expressed a preference for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), and fewer supported either Light Rail Transit (LRT) or Metrorail. The remaining e-mails and/or letters did not express a preference on mode. On the question of alignment, about two-thirds of those commenting want the Purple Line on an alignment that does not involve the Capital Crescent / Georgetown Branch Trail.

Comments received by the Chairman's Office through January 2, 2009 will be compiled in a separate table and posted prior to the Planning Board's January 8 public hearing.

Updated table posted January 5, 2009.

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Name/Group	Mode			Alignment				Concerned for	
	Metrorail	LRT	BRT	MP	JBR	Other	Tunnel	Trail	More
November 10-16, 2008									
Mark Pirone						1		Exercise & transportation	Underground
November 17-23, 2008									
Monir Lashgari						1		Family use trail	
Pam Browning						1		Trail & trees	No transit on trail; prefer Purple Line Loop
November 24-30, 2008									
Chevy Chase West Neighborhood Association			1			1		Trail	Choose option efficient in terms of travel times, least expensive in fares, most environmentally sensitive
Kristin Schneeman						1		Trail	no guarantee trail will be preserved.
December 1-7, 2008									
City of Takoma Park		1							Med. LRT Investment; attached resolution
David Salzman									LRT & BRT air quality errors in DEIS
Jean Cavanaugh							1		tunnel Silver Spring CBD & Wayne
Joe Cholka							1		tunnel Silver Spring CBD & Wayne
Carol Leventhal							1		tunnel Silver Spring CBD & Wayne
Howard Hughes Medical Institute		1		1				Employees use trail	Works long range for HHMI; want trail to be completed
Carol Jones							1		tunnel Silver Spring CBD & Wayne
David Stinson							1		tunnel Silver Spring CBD & Wayne; no station at Dale
Jonathan Jay							1		tunnel Silver Spring CBD & Wayne
Tom Armstrong							1		tunnel Silver Spring CBD & Wayne
Jigar Shah			1				1	Trail	
Christine Arnold-Lourie		1	1						Tunnel Wayne
Kevin Keating						1		Commute on trail	
John Marcus						1		Trail, kids commute on trail	Consider BRAC
Grace Palladina & Brad Piepmeier						1			Improve existing bus service J1 & J4. One person in house doesn't drive.
Henry & Julie Malouf			1		1			Trail	9 bullets
Elizabeth Morrison			1		1			Trail	9 bullets
Kent Holland						1		Live 50 yard from trail	No Purple Line
Cora Shaw			1		1			Trail	9 bullets
Phil Stewart						1		Trail	Doesn't want development
Juan Claudio Devincenti			1		1			68 & 74 yrs old bike on trail for errands	9 bullets
Joe Frankl					1			Trail	
Joe Dura						1		Trail	9 bullets & support Red Line Loop on Beltway
Louis Christopher			1		1			Kids use trail to commute	9 bullets
Adam Race			1		1			Trail/Training for runs	9 bullets
Jim Roy						1		Trail	

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Suzanne Richman						1		Trail	
Malcolm Burke			1		1			Trail	
Mark Mazo						1		Commute on trail	
Howard Kaplan						1		Trail	use buses until soln. Found
Tracey Pyles						1		Trail & recreation	
Bill McCloskey		1		1					
Peter Beckerman						1		Trail	P. Line go to White Oak
Roger Coleman						1		Trail	
Nancy Petrisko					1			Kids use trail to commute	
Timothy Boucher			1		1			Commute on trail	Live close to JBR; 9 bullets
Mary Ann Huntington			1		1			Family use trail	9 bullets
Ramon Daubon			1		1			Trail	9 bullets
Rich McManus						1		Commute on trail to NIH	E-W transit by monorail on MD 410 or better bus service
Amy Young						1		Kids use trail to commute	
Andrew Hill			1			1		Trail	
Monique Shimm						1		Trail	
Lisa Woods						1		Trail	
December 8-14, 2008									
Kevin Iaquinto						1		Trail	
Molly Sweeney						1		Trail	
Ian Kelly			1			1		Trail	9 bullets
Lisa Drazin			1			1		Trail for fitness	9 bullets
Ja Hayes						1		Trail for fitness	
Paula O'Brien			1			1		Trail	9 bullets
Amy Wooden	1					1		Commute on trail	Outside beltway subway
Stacey Colino						1		Trail & health of users	Health journalist
Aron Friedman			1		1			Commute on trail	9 bullets
Purple Line NOW!									
Samuel H. Dean		1							Complete Purple Line
Terry Banks			1			1		Trail	
Suzanne & Jason Matthews			1		1			Trail	live by trail
Julie Stanish			1		1			Trail	Bus & metro commuter
Matt Kulpers				1				Trail recreation	
Mike Baker		1		1				User of trail	No better location, time savings, improve bike crossings
Michael McLean & Family			1		1			Home by trail & use trail	9 bullets
Action Committee for Transit			1						Support BRT, but suspend advocacy for BRT on Purple Line pending experiment results
Robert Friedman						1		Trail	
Howard & Tricia Sachs			1		1			Trail	
Elena Gavidia			1		1			Trail recreation	9 bullets
Barry Boden	1					1		Trail recreation	subway underground or LRT to NIH/NNMC
Oliver Harris									Support Purple Line
Joan Sterrett	1					1		Trail recreation	Opposed to Purple Line unless subway
Steve Cimino							1		dig tunnel
Martha Beshers			1		1			Trail	9 bullets
Ralph Wooden				1					Support Purple Line; railroads and hikers were there originally
David Greenstein			1		1			Trail	9 bullets
Reid Lewis			1		1			Trail	9 bullets

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Katherine Bennett			1		1			Commuter on trail	9 bullets
Richard White						1		Trail recreation	Purple Line down East West Highway
Jeff Rule			1		1			Commuter on trail	9 bullets
Rima Schulkind						1		Noise	
Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee		1							Med. LRT Investment; like stops in CBD
Patricia Herbert						1		Trail	
Judy Tso									Need to address BRAC; account objections by Sam Schwartz; considers LRT on Jones Bridge; gentrification impacts; wisely invest in best mode and alignment
Michael Ridgway			1			1		Trail recreation	
Flora Tsui					1			Trail, trees, and recreation	homes, traffic congestion
Joe Sedransk					1			Recreation	traffic
Betsy Heidenberger						1		Nature	lives near trail
Betty Pomarede						1		Trail and Recreation	live near trail
David Steeds					1			Trail, trees, and recreation	DEIS inadequate
Lynda Maudlin						1		Trail, trees, and recreation	
Niren Nagda						1			concerned about limited parking space; Supporter of Purple Line
Ed Brown						1		Recreation	
Ernesto Solana						1		Trail, trees, and recreation	
Christopher Duke						1			noise, traffic
Melinda Miller						1		Greenspace, Loss of Forest, future bike lane, community, trail access, safety, homes	
Eric Hirschhorn						1		trail, cost	
Edith Levine						1		Trail, trees, and recreation	
Dr. Fred Solomon						1		Trees	
Lee Eiden						1		Trail	
Larry Fisher						1		Trail, trees, and recreation	
Mike Kershow						1		Nature	
Jules Lichtenstein						1		Greenspace, Loss of Forest, future bike lane, community, trail access, safety, homes	
Tom Blassey						1		Trail, trees, and recreation	BRAC
Kristin Schneeman						1			Environmental Defense fund removed from supporters; DEIS not objective, fair or complete
Michelle Koidin Jaffee						1		Trail, trees, and recreation	
Jack Mackey						1		Trail, trees, and recreation	
John Savage						1		Trail, trees, and recreation	
Edward Platia						1			Medical Center, noise, traffic
Marty Saggese						1		Trail, trees, and recreation	MTA flawed analysis, BRAC
Leonard Epstein					1			Trail, recreation	traffic
George Baker						1		Green space	traffic, cost, FTA funding, green space
Nadir Jusufbegovic								Trail, trees, and recreation	

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Holly Townsend					1			Trees	
Seven Oaks/Evanswood Citizens' Association							1		tunnel Silver Spring CBD & Wayne; cites reasons for not using a surface alignment on Wayne
Shihadeh & Vara Sayyad	1				1			Trees	
Jimmy Light	1				1			Trees	Worked at NIH, Walter Reed
Charles Whitehead						1		Keep trail, trees, green space	
Meghan Donahue						1		Keep trail, trees, green space	
Stew Remer						1		Keep trail, trees, green space	Doesn't want development
Jill Gendelman						1		Keep trail, trees, green space	
Michael Gilmore						1		Keep trail	Ride into DC
Vali Tschirgi						1		Keep trail	Concerned abt. development
Michael Johnson	1				1			Keep trail, trees, green space	
Illias Alevizos	1				1			Keep trail, trees, green space	
Giovanna Casagrande			1		1			Trail	Study metro to connect red line
Amy Kostant					1			Keep trail, trees, green space	Support public health and concerned abt. health if trail is not there.
Charis Keitelman						1		Family use trail	
Janie & Brian Druskin						1		Keep trail, trees, green space	
Bev Denbo						1		Kids & adults use trail to commute	
Dianne Keppler			1		1			Live by trail & commute on trail	Study metro to connect red line
Jane Gorbaty									
Scott Smith			1			1		Trail and trees	
Marjorie Woodman			1		1			Trail recreation	Study metro to connect red line
Keylan Qazzaz						1		Family use trail	
Gillian Shinkman						1		Trail	
Lisa Bell						1		Family use trail	
Agnese Arnold			1			1		Trail	Long term study for underground route to connect red line
Ben Beach			1			1		Trail	Wants to keep a soft surface top for trail users especially the aging population
Amy Holman							1		tunnel Silver Spring CBD & Wayne
Jonathan Halpern									Questions abt. implementation and maintenance of infrastructure of the system over the long haul. Who pays the costs and who is the operator?
Karen Mathura & Family						1		Family use trail	
Chin's Family						1		Trail	
December 15-18, 2008									
Peter Kimm			1			1		Trail recreation	
Assya Pascalev			1			1		Trail recreation	Bought house near trail
Joel Schwarz			1		1			Commute on trail & use it for recreation	
Christine Real de Azua	1					1		Trail	underground or enhanced bus
Mary Monti			1			1		Trail & trees	
Marcey Zaborski						1		Trail recreation	
Carolyn Avery	1					1		Trail for fitness	underground

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Bruce Altevogt		1							Med. LRT; less parks takings; live near Wayne/Dale & don't want longer tunnel
James & Sylvana Ehrman		1					1		tunnel Silver Spring CBD & Wayne
Kenneth Cantor							1		tunnel Silver Spring CBD & Wayne
Spartaco Cicerchia						1		Trail	
Maureen Jais-Mick						1		Trail, trees, and recreation	
Samuel Turton						1		Trail & trees	
Jeanette McHale						1		Trail recreation	
James Whetzel						1		Trail & trees	House is 50' from trail; concerned abt. noise/vibration
Naomi Spinrad							1	Trail	Trail recreation
Helen C. Epps							1	Trail	Trail recreation
Cheryl Kollin			1					Trail, trees, and recreation	commute
Arthur Alexander							1	Trail	Trail recreation
Mary Fowler							1	Trail, trees, and recreation	preserve natural greenspace
Elizabeth Bacigalupo							1	Trail, trees, and recreation	
Keith Blizzard							1	Trail, trees, and recreation	
Ann Wild							1	Trail and recreation	Navy Medical-Walter Reed, land
Robert B. Karp							1	Trail, trees, and recreation	
J. David Hoffman							1	Trail, trees, and recreation	Navy Medical-Walter Reed
Stanley H. Way							1	Trail	nature
Monique Cicerchia							1	Trail, trees, and recreation	
Gary Cameron		1	1				1	Trail, trees, and recreation	big supporter of tunnel
Dan and Sara Burnett					1			Trail, trees, and recreation	pursue best long-term solution
Don Peterkofsky							1	Trail, trees, and recreation	
Kathleen Wilks							1	Trail, trees, and recreation	Trail recreation
Susan Andrea							1	Trail, trees, and recreation	impacts of surface route, rezoning
Ingrid Fernando							1	Trail, trees, and recreation	
Wilder J. Leavitt							1	Trail, trees, and recreation	
Linda Knutsen							1	Trail & trees	Reduce dependence on fossil fuels, but save trail environment
Christopher Maines			1				1	Trail recreation	Concern abt. trail narrower and stairs or rail crossings
Kevin Krug							1	Trail	
Leonard Dack							1	Trail recreation	
Susan Gartner			1				1	Trail	Underground
Clara Witt							1	Commuter on trail	
Mojgan Logman							1	Kids use trail to commute	
Greg Lewis							1		tunnel Silver Spring CBD & Wayne
Wilfried Busse							1	Trail and trees	
Barbara Barinum							1	Trail and trees	
Josh Glasser							1	Trail and live by trail	
Gabrielle Glasser							1	Trail and live by trail	
Joanne Wall							1	Trail recreation	
Joel Hirschhorn								Trail and live by trail	Express bus on existing st.
John Keppler					1			Trail	
Thomas Carty							1	Trail	
Alan Simon							1	Trail recreation	

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Paul Rothstein						1		Family use trail	Concern abt. training waiting for maintenance
Steve Carrier			1			1		Trail	use buses
Emily Hatton						1		Trail recreation	
Francesca Kelly						1		Trail	Underground; existing road
Joy Hilton						1		Trail	
Carol & Ken Rubin						1		Trail recreation	
Melissa Urofsky	1					1		Trail recreation	vote for tax hike
Lindsay Wilkins						1		Trail recreation	
Gardner Peckham						1		Trail	
Jean-Michel Pomarede						1		Trail recreation	use trail to Bethesda because there isn't parking
Anne Sumner						1		Trail	
Carol Lite							1		tunnel Silver Spring CBD & Wayne
Lorraine Klein						1		Trail	
Kathryn & Shepherdson Abell						1		Trail	Live adjacent to streets for alternative route.
Fota Ishaq						1		Trail	
Richard Ressa						1		Trail recreation	
Adam Rocap							1		tunnel Silver Spring CBD & Wayne
Colyn Cain						1		Family use trail	
Roslyn Needle						1		Trail recreation	
Tim Covell						1		Trail	Concerned abt. development
Debra & Howard Feldman						1		Trail	
Kristi Rocap							1		tunnel Silver Spring CBD & Wayne
Colet Mitchell						1		Trail	Connect metro with metro
Elaine Akst					1			Trail	
Katherine Jahnig						1		Trail and live by trail	
Ann Effer						1		Trail	
Patricia Clifford						1		Trail	
Barbara Brocker						1		Trail	Trail recreation
Lee Miller			1			1		Trail	Electric buses worked in Vancouver; business owner in Bethesda
Eve Howard						1		Family use trail	
Daniel Dozier				1				Always wants bike trails separate from traffic	Reluctant supporter of building mass transit on Capital Crescent Trail
Denise Taylor								Trail recreation	Reject Purple Line

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Charles Hampp, Jr								Family use trail	Bike lanes will not work as a safe route
Robert Shaffer								Trail	Alternative method
Vanessa Dick						1		Trail	
Arlene Bruhn								Trail & trees	Forest and emissions that are reduced with forest
Hope & Eric Peek			1		1			Trail	
Paul Stanton						1		Family use trail	metro, tunnel, or bus
TOTAL	10	10	48	6	41	148	19	As of Dec. 18, 2008, staff has received 232 letters.	