



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

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SUBJECT: Purple Line Functional Plan – Public Hearing

STAFF

RECOMMENDATION: None. This agenda item consists of conducting the Planning Board Public Hearing on the Purple Line Functional Plan.

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on the Purple Line Functional Plan on December 10, 2009 at 7:00 PM. The hearing location is the auditorium at the M-NCPPC Montgomery County Regional Offices at 8787 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring.

The Purple Line Functional Plan is an update of the Georgetown Branch Master Plan Amendment (January 1990) and as such, will amend other adopted plans and the Master Plan of Highways that previously reflected a Purple Line from Bethesda to Silver Spring. This Public Hearing Draft Plan also confirms the previously adopted alignment over the Georgetown Branch right of way with the adjoining Capital Crescent Trail and (unlike previously adopted plans) extends the Purple Line east of Silver Spring to the County Boundary on University Boulevard (MD 193) where the Purple Line enters Prince George's County and continues east to New Carrollton.

This hearing offers the Planning Board an opportunity to hear public testimony on the plan primary features – the Purple Line alignment, mode, approximate station locations, and estimated right of way requirements. The Public Hearing testimony will become part of a formal record and will be discussed at a subsequent worksession on the Plan.

The public is encouraged to submit written testimony that will be fully considered in addition to the oral testimony scheduled for December 10, 2009. The public hearing record will be kept open until a date to be set by the Planning Board at the hearing.

Copies of the Plan are available for review at the M-NCPPC Montgomery County Regional Office in Silver Spring and at local down-county libraries. Copies can also be viewed on-line at:

http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/transportation/projects/documents/purplelinefunctionalplan10_30_09weboptimized.pdf

It is anticipated that the total time allocated for testimony will be two hours. It is therefore possible that not everyone requesting to speak will be able to be accommodated. As a result, the public is encouraged to submit written testimony where possible.