



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

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DATE: September 8, 2010

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA: Dan Hardy, Chief *DKH*
Move/Transportation Planning Division

FROM: David Anspacher, Senior Planner, 301-495-2191 *DA*
Move/Transportation Planning Division

DISCUSSION: BRAC Roundtable: MD 355 Crossing Project

The September 16 roundtable discussion of the MD 355/Rockville Pike Crossing Project (CIP No. 500522) was originally scheduled for July 29, 2010. This memo is intended to update the Board on changes that have occurred since July 21, 2010, the date of our original memo, which is shown as Attachment 1. Materials from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) July 20 public open house for this project are shown as Appendix C-11 on the Planning Department's BRAC Mandatory Referral Supporting Documents website:

http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/transportation/brac/supporting_documents.shtm

The purpose of the July 29th roundtable was to provide the Board the opportunity to comment on the four Alternatives Retained for Detailed Study (ARDS) for the MD 355 / Rockville Pike Crossing Project. This study was proceeding on a fast track and at that time we anticipated that MC DOT would select a preferred alternative in September, leaving the July 29th roundtable as the only opportunity for the Board to provide comments on the alternatives.

Since that time the scheduled completion of the project has been deferred, which will allow time for a more detailed evaluation of the four alternatives and for the stakeholder agencies and public to review the evaluation results. We anticipate that the Department of Transportation will complete the evaluation in September and will select a preferred alternative in late October or early November.

In the interest of the Board's schedule, the September 16 roundtable discussion will focus primarily on the revised study schedule. We will schedule a Planning Board review of the alternatives when the detailed evaluation is available for review.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 29, 2010

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA: Tom Autrey, Acting Chief *TA*
Move/Transportation Planning Division

FROM: David Anspacher: 301-495-2191, for the Planning Department *DA*

DISCUSSION: BRAC Roundtable: MD 355 / Rockville Pike Crossing Project

The purpose of today's roundtable was to provide you the opportunity to comment on the four alternatives that are being considered for the MD 355 / Rockville Pike Crossing Project. This study is proceeding on a fast track and the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MC DOT) anticipates selecting a preferred alternative in September. If any individual Board member would like to provide comments on any of the alternatives under consideration, this will be your only opportunity to do, given the summer recess and the fact that MC DOT will be completing this study by September 30th.

Please provide any comments you may have on the alternatives by Monday, August 9th so that we can forward them to MC DOT.

The following documents describe the alternatives and provide staff's initial evaluation of the alternatives.

- BRAC Website Appendix C-11: Display boards from the July 20th public open house conducted by MCDOT.
http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/transportation/brac/supporting_documents.shtml
- The presentation that staff intended to give at today's roundtable.
<http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/transportation/brac/brac7.shtml>