Intercounty Connector Environmental Impact Study Planning Board Briefing Schedule

July 22, 2005 DRAFT

Prior SHA Activities

- Scoping Public Open Houses; June 2003
- Alternatives Public Workshops; November 13, 15, and 19, 2003

County Council Activities

• Comment on ARDS per November Public Workshops; December 1, 2003

Briefing #1 - January 22, 2004 (2.0 hours-no public testimony)- COMPLETED

Topics:

- Review ICC Study Background and Schedule
- Review Draft Alternates Retained for Detailed Study (ARDS)
- Review County Council Comments on ARDS
- Review 1989 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SHA re: parkland impacts
- Review M-NCPPC staff involvement in SHA study

Interim SHA Activities

ARDS selection, February 2004

Briefing #2 - March 4, 2004 (1.5 hours - no public testimony)-COMPLETED		
"Planning / Zoning Authority" topics		
 Review proposed briefing schedule Confirmation that Planning Board process dovetails with SHA process Update on selected ARDS package, response to Council / Board comments 		

Interim SHA Activities

- Draft Environmental Stewardship materials, March 2004
- Expert Land Use Panel Analysis Findings, June 2004
- Draft Travel Demand Analysis materials, April 2004
- Draft Cultural Resources Effects materials, May 2004
- Preliminary Draft Socioeconomic and Land Use Technical Report, 10 May 2004.
- Preliminary Draft Noise Quality Technical Report, 10 May 2004.
- Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation materials, May 2004

Briefing #3 – June 3, 2004 (2 hours – no public testimony) – COMPLETED		
"Property Owner" topics	"Planning / Zoning Authority" topics	
 Review of SHA Draft Section 4(f) Impacts report Staff proposal for candidate replacement parklands that would satisfy MOU Staff proposal for Section 4(f) impacts analysis 	 Review proposed briefing schedule Review SHA's interim draft technical report findings Review Environmental Stewardship process and findings Staff proposal for policy guidance on balancing natural / cultural / community resource protection and enhancement 	

Interim SHA Activities

- Public Informational Update Meetings June 2004
- Draft Natural Environmental Technical Report June 2004
- Draft Air Quality Technical Report June 2004

Briefing #4 – July 15, 2004 (4 hours) - CC		
Include Public Testimony on Staff Recommendations		
"Property Owner" topics	"Planning / Zoning Authority" topics	
Planning Board comment to SHA on staff proposals for MOU and candidate replacement parkland	 Review proposed briefing schedule Planning Board comment to SHA on staff proposals for policy guidance on balancing natural / cultural / community resource protection and enhancement Review SHA's interim technical report findings 	
	Review Environmental Stewardship process and findings	

Interim SHA Activities

- DEIS/Draft Section 4(f) Notice of Availability (NOA) December 3, October 2004
- Joint NEPA/Section 404 Public Hearings, January 4, 5, & 8, 2005

Briefing #5 – January 13, 2005 (2 hours – no public testimony) – COMPLETED		
"Property Owner" topics	"Planning / Zoning Authority" topics	
 Review draft Section 4(f) findings 	Review DEIS summary of findings	
	Review SHA Public Hearings	
	Present menu of options for Preferred	
	Alternative	
	Planning Board comment on	
	additional supplementary information	
	requested of staff for Briefing #6	
	 Review proposed briefing schedule 	

Interim SHA Activities

• Joint NEPA/Section 404 Public Hearing, January 29, 2005

Briefing #6 – January 20, 2005 (4 hours) - COMPLETED Include Public Testimony on Staff Recommendations	
"Property Owner" topics	"Planning / Zoning Authority" topics
As necessary	 Planning Board recommendations on Preferred Alternative
	Review proposed briefing schedule

County Council Activities

• Transmittal of recommendations on DEIS to SHA, March 1, 2005

Interim MDOT Activities

Identification of Preferred Alternative, July 11, 2005

Briefing #7 – July 28, 2005 (2 hours) Include Public Testimony on Staff Recommendations	
"Property Owner" topics	"Planning / Zoning Authority" topics
 Planning Board comment to MDOT on staff proposals for parkland replacement for State's Preferred 	Review proposed briefing schedule
Alternative .	

Interim SHA Activities

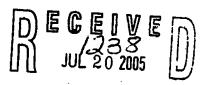
- FEIS publication, Autumn 2005
- FHWA Record of Decision (ROD), Autumn 2005

Briefing #8 – November 2005 (2 hours – no public testimony)		
"Property Owner" topics	"Planning / Zoning Authority" topics	
Discuss status of parkland mitigation and MOU compliance with SHA staff	Review proposed briefing schedule	

Subsequent Planning Board briefings for design and construction phases to be developed as needed.

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
THE MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

July 19, 2005

Mr. Derick Berlage, Chairman MNCPPC 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910

SUBJECT: Testimony regarding ICC Mitigation:

Dear Chairman Berlage and Commissioners:

For the record, we are in opposition to MNCPPC acquiring property in the Little Seneca watershed to mitigate the impacts of the ICC to Mill Creek Stream Valley Park, Rock Creek Regional Park, North Branch SVP, Northwest Branch Recreational Park. Layhill Local Park, NW Branch SVP (Unit 5) and Paint Branch Stream Valley Park.

NO AMOUNT OF NEW PARKLAND ACQUISITION OUTSIDE OF THE ROCK CREEK AND ANACOSTIA WATERSHEDS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY CAN POSSIBLY MITIGATE IMPACTS WITHIN THESE WATERSHEDS.

THESE PARKLANDS ARE IRREPLACEABLE!

Please do not destroy the last and best portions of parkland remaining in the Montgomery County part of the Rock Creek and Anacostia watersheds.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Sherman