

**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
<p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	
“Property Owner” topics	“Planning / Zoning Authority” topics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff proposal defining how “equal quality” parkland will be assessed per MOU • Means by which park owner statements can influence Section 4(f) impacts analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) - COMPLETED	
Include Public Testimony on Staff Recommendations	
“Property Owner” topics	“Planning / Zoning Authority” topics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Board comment to SHA on staff proposals for MOU and candidate replacement parkland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review draft Section 4(f) findings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As necessary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Board comment to MDOT on staff proposals for parkland replacement for State’s Preferred Alternative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review proposed briefing schedule

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss status of parkland mitigation and MOU compliance with SHA staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review proposed briefing schedule

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

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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,

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