



MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan – Worksession #9 (Review the Planning Board Draft)

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Staff Recommendation

At this worksession, staff will present the Planning Board Draft for the MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan and seek the Board’s approval to transmit the attached Planning Board Draft to the County Council and County Executive.

Summary

This is the ninth worksession for the MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan. Over the previous ten months, the Planning Board has held the Planning Board Public Hearing and eight worksessions on the MARC Rail Communities Plan. A list of the dates for the Planning Board Public Hearing and each worksession with the topic discussed are noted below.

During the previous worksessions, there were in-depth discussions on the issues raised during public testimony and by individual Board members. Staff reviewed each previous worksession and incorporated the Planning Board’s decisions into this Planning Board Draft. Most notably, this Draft has been reorganized to highlight the Connect Section. This Draft also contains refined recommendations for the Boyds and Germantown rail station areas in the Renew Section.

At this worksession, staff will highlight the key elements that have been updated based on the Board’s decisions. Staff is finalizing the carbon footprint analysis and will present the analysis findings as part of this worksession.

Public Hearing and Worksession Schedule

February 1, 2018	Planning Board Public Hearing
April 5, 2018	Planning Context for MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan
May 24, 2018	Review of the Boyds Recommendations
May 31, 2018	MTA and MCDOT Briefings
June 21, 2018	Review of the Germantown Connect Section
June 28, 2018	Continued Review of the Germantown Connect Section
July 26, 2018	Review of the Germantown Preserve and Sustain Sections
September 27, 2018	Review of the Revised Traffic Modeling Findings for Germantown
November 1, 2018	Review of the Renew Section based on Revised Traffic Modeling

Attachments

1. MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan Public Hearing Draft