

CORRIDOR FORWARD: THE I-270 TRANSIT PLAN PUBLIC HEARING



Description

Corridor Forward: The I-270 Transit Plan offers a re-focused vision for the I-270 corridor. It proposes a transit network, which includes both a near-term network of dedicated bus lanes and an ambitious long-term recommendation for an extension of Metrorail's Red Line. The near-term network of dedicated bus lanes, known as the Corridor Connectors, builds on existing master planned projects, including the MD 355 and Veirs Mill Road Bus Rapid Transit projects, to create a transit network that serves over 40 communities and employment centers along the corridor.

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Public Hearing

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Staff Recommendations

The Planning Board will receive public testimony on Corridor Forward: The I-270 Transit Plan Public Hearing Draft. Planning Board members are encouraged to have the Public Hearing Draft available during the Public Hearing. Planning Board members can bring their copies of the Public Hearing Draft that were previously distributed to them or can access the Public Hearing Draft at the following link:

https://montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Corridor-Forward-Public-Hearing-Draft_Final.pdf

Summary

Corridor Forward: The I-270 Transit Plan contains an examination of and recommendations for a transit network to serve the I-270 corridor, and it includes both a near-term network of dedicated bus lanes and an ambitious long-term recommendation for an extension of Metrorail's Red Line. The near-term network of dedicated bus lanes builds on existing master planned projects, including the MD 355 and Veirs Mill Road Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) projects to create a transit network that serves communities and employment centers along the I-270 corridor. The Public Hearing Draft Plan includes additional recommendations to support the proposed transit network as well as strengthen regional connectivity. Corridor Forward re-envision the master planned Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT) as a network of more buildable dedicated bus lanes, known as the Corridor Connectors, which connect I-270 corridor communities to the county's existing and planned rapid transit network.

This Functional Master Plan is an amendment to the 2013 *Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan* and the 2018 *Master Plan of Highways and Transitways*. It also amends *The General Plan (On Wedges and Corridors) for the Physical Development of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties*, as amended, as well as several master and sector plans within the midcounty and upcounty communities.

The Working Draft of Corridor Forward: The I-270 Transit Plan was presented to the Planning Board on November 4, 2021. The Planning Board authorized staff to prepare the Public Hearing Draft and scheduled a public hearing on December 9, 2021 in the auditorium of the Planning Department at 2425 Reedy Drive in Wheaton (virtual testimony will also be accepted). The public hearing was advertised in the Washington Times on November 5, 2021.

Staff anticipates summarizing the public testimony and conducting the first work session with the Planning Board on December 16, 2021.