



## PUBLIC NOTICE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MCDOT)

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (SHA) AND

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (MTA)

HAVE INITIATED PROJECT PLANNING FOR



### MD 586 (Veirs Mill Road) Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study from Rockville Metro Station to Wheaton Metro Station in Montgomery County

**Project Area:** The purpose of the study is to assess the need for improved transit service and connectivity along the MD 586 (Veirs Mill Road) corridor. The Project Planning process includes agency and public involvement; the development and review of all reasonable bus rapid transit alternatives, including the No-Build Alternative; the evaluation of social, economic, cultural, and natural environmental impacts; and concludes with Location and Design approvals, if a build alternative is selected. The project sponsors intend to conduct this study in order to maintain the project's eligibility for federal aid and approval in the Federal Transit Administration's New Starts program.

The MCDOT, SHA, and MTA are working together to complete this planning study with the intent of advancing the study into project planning/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) approval, preliminary engineering, final design, and construction. The team believes that the project is needed to provide improved transit service and system connectivity, to enhance transit convenience and reliability, and to improve mobility and accessibility along the MD 586 corridor. This study is an extension of the MCDOT Veirs Mill Road Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Facility Planning Study (2005) and the Montgomery County Countywide BRT Study (2011) and will involve in-depth environmental and engineering analyses.

As part of the public involvement activities and consistent with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, SHA requests public comments regarding any historic properties, including standing structures and archeological resources. SHA will be coordinating with the Maryland Historical Trust. Any organization that desires to be a consulting party should contact the Project Manager.

The Public Coordination Plan for the project will be available in Spring 2012 and can be obtained from the Project Manager.

Public involvement throughout the Project Planning process is encouraged. Written comments and requests to be included on the project mailing or email lists may be submitted to Mrs. R. Suseela Rajan, Project Manager, at Project Management Division, Maryland State Highway Administration, 707 N. Calvert Street, MS C-301, Baltimore, Maryland 21202; by telephone at 410-545-8514 or toll-free at 1-800-548-5026; or by email at [rajan@sha.state.md.us](mailto:rajan@sha.state.md.us). The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 711.

You may contact Mr. Rick Kiegel, MTA Project Manager, at Maryland Transit Administration, Office of Planning, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202-1614; by telephone at 410-767-1380 or toll-free at 866-743-3682; or by email at [rkiegel@mta.maryland.gov](mailto:rkiegel@mta.maryland.gov). Mr. Bob Simpson, Senior Planning Specialist, may be contacted at Montgomery County Department of Transportation, 101 Monroe Street, 10th Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20850; by telephone at 240-777-7170; or by email at [bob.simpson@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:bob.simpson@montgomerycountymd.gov). Persons on the project mailing/email lists will be kept informed of project developments and opportunities for public involvement as the MD 586 BRT study progresses. For more project information, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov) or [www.roads.maryland.gov](http://www.roads.maryland.gov) and click on **Projects and Studies/SHA Projects** page.

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